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### REVIEW OF LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL DEBATE.

#### DR. KOCH'S RESOLUTION.

#### AN APPEAL TO THE PUBLIC.

[BY AN OLD RESIDENT.]

The meeting of the Legislative Council, held this week, was of considerable interest to the citizens of this Colony. We have to thank two new members—the Hon. Dr. Koch and the Hon. Mr. D. G. M. Bernard—for bringing to the notice of the local Government, in an official manner of which there is now adequate record, certain facts which have been freely discussed by the general public during the past four or five weeks. Everyone realised the great inconvenience caused by the recent damage to nullahs, roads, etc. This was, of course, directly due to the heavy downfall of rain. If that had been the first occasion, for many years, that such inconvenience had been caused probably every one would have been satisfied with the general statement that none of the damage "could have been foreseen and guarded against." Those actual words were used by the Hon. Mr. Bird, a local architect possessing a long experience of the difficulties of preparing sites and erecting buildings in this Colony.

#### FATALISM.

As, however, there have been so many examples, during recent years, of extensive damage done by rainstorms, few people will agree with the statement. Fatalism is a creed acceptable to oriental peoples, but it would have been of little use to the pioneers who developed Hongkong. There is a danger lest it creeps into the civic life of this community. Nothing is lost by a free and frank discussion of the causes and possible remedies that may be taken in the future when there has been some such local catastrophe as happened during the recent heavy rainstorms.

#### THE RIGHT VOTE.

In sharp contrast with the attitude adopted by the Hon. Mr. Bird was that of H.E. Sir Cecil Clementi. He struck the right vote by appealing to the citizens of Hongkong for help. He said "What I do think will help us is action by the Director of Public Works and his officers, and assistance from public spirited members of the community who would draw immediate attention to danger apprehended from any boulder." I would venture to say that it is the duty of every citizen to draw attention to any danger apprehended—not only from boulders but from anything else. The only satisfactory way in which this can be done is to write to the local Government and to keep a copy of the letter. It is of no use to talk about a danger in a general way; action is necessary. Dr. Koch, in his reply, mentioned the huge boulder that fell on the engine that pumped water up to the Peak. He gave the opinion that it was a mercy it did not destroy part of the University. It has been frequently stated that the medical professors, who work in the University buildings that were, as it were, overshadowed by the now famous boulder, had often mentioned their fear of disaster.

#### DANGER FORESEEN.

It is known that the particular boulder was regarded by those working in the medical buildings as a source of danger. Did they write to the Public Works Department? As I said before, verbal statements are of no use for purposes of record—an official letter is essential. It is because I am convinced that in this particular case the danger was foreseen that I cannot accept the statements of the Hon. Mr. Bird as satisfactory. He said, concerning this huge rock, "I believe anyone examining it would have considered its weight alone would have prevented any power except an earthquake from moving it." Incidentally, it may be mentioned that earthquakes are not unknown in Hongkong.

#### A DEFINITE DUTY.

If the Government were not properly warned about the boulder, the officials cannot be blamed. The culpable people are those who genuinely believed in the danger and failed to communicate their ideas on the subject. The point that I

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## SPEECH BY A MAN IN HANDCUFFS.

### PRISONER'S PROTEST TO A STATION CROWD.

#### "I, AN EX-OFFICER."

Holiday-makers waiting on the crowded platform of the Shoreham station were startled by a sensational protest made by a prisoner in charge of two policemen.

The prisoner, a tall man with a slight military moustache, wearing shorts, strode to the edge of the platform.

He lifted his manacled wrists before his head, and cried in impassioned tones, "Listen to this, all you people. I, an ex-officer, who spent four years fighting for this land, am to have a month's imprisonment for claiming a few yards of it to live on! Think of it, a month's imprisonment! And this is a 'free country'!"

Passengers, porters, and officials crowded round and listened. No one uttered a word.

#### A SUN CURE.

The man continued, "My name is Captain Harold Vincent, B.A., E.Sc., of the Tank Corps. I pitched my tent seven weeks ago on the Downs at the back of Shoreham, putting wire round it as I used to do in camp."

I came here for a sun cure, under medical orders. I was told I was trespassing on the land I had fought for, and six men came to turn me off this morning. Six men to one! I let fly with both hands—and that is why I have these on," and once again the handcuffs flashed in the sun.

A woman on the opposite side of the platform broke the tense silence that followed by asking Captain Vincent for some more particulars.

Just then the Worthing train arrived, and with a smart tap on the shoulder the prisoner was ushered by his escort into a third-class compartment.

Captain Vincent was accused of assaulting Lieut.-General Sir George F. Goring, of Kingston Farm, Kingston-on-Sea, who accompanied the police when they went to eject him from the farmland on which he was encamped. The magistrates imposed a fine with the option of a month's hard labour. Vincent refused to pay and elected to go to gaol.

am anxious to make it this. We know that it is impracticable to expect that the P.W.D. engineers should find time to inspect each boulder or such retaining wall that begins to bulge. People living or working near to any possible danger have a definite duty to perform and it is to draw the attention of the Government to the danger. The matter should be dealt with in a businesslike manner by means of an official communication. If nothing is done I would suggest a letter to the Press.

#### CONSTRUCTION OF NEW ROADS.

"I am surprised that attention was not drawn to the fact that a great deal of the recent damage was due to the construction of new roads. I do not know who is responsible for the policy—it may be a policy carried out on the plea of economy—but I believe that the root cause of the blocking of nullahs was faulty road construction. I will give two specific instances to which my attention has been drawn. One is obtained from the new road that is finally to go up to the Peak at the West end of the island. Masses of boulders, obtained by blasting, etc., were piled up on slopes at the road side. These slid down the hill-side into the nullahs, and, of course, blocked the nullahs.

On the roads that were not properly surfaced the storm-water had a fairly easy task. The new road to Shek O was, in places, unsurfaced and the drainage washed the tanks away. The drainage and surfacing of all roads must be done as soon as is possible so as to drain away all storm-water. Boulders obtained during road construction should not be piled up in loose heaps. They simply break away and slide into nullahs.

#### VOLUNTARY PUBLIC WORK.

A system of Government, however perfectly it may be administered by officials, is profoundly unsatisfactory unless there is co-operation by the people governed. We can only progress along the right lines if the people of Hongkong give voluntary assistance in all affairs that affect the welfare of the community. There is scope for voluntary work alongside official activities. I freely admit the liberal attitude of mind displayed by H.E. Sir Cecil Clementi in his recent remarks at the Legislative Council. He has, in a way, challenged public spirited citizens to take an active interest in civil affairs. If Dr. Koch's resolution had only resulted in that one pronouncement it was justified. In actual fact the debate and the questions will almost certainly cause the local Government to be less parsimonious concerning the proper completion of new roads. It will possibly lead to other improvements.

## CENSORS OF ACCENT.

### B.B.C.'S NEW TASK.

#### WHY YOU MUST NOT SAY "GUYRATORY."

Well-known men have come to the assistance of the British Broadcasting Company in one of the most interesting tasks that organisation has undertaken.

The object is to provide a standard of pronunciation for announcers, and the committee which is at work has the Poet Laureate, Dr. Bridges, as its chairman.

Aiding him are Sir Johnston Forbes-Robertson, Professor Daniel Jones, of the University of London, Mr. Fearnall Smith, of the Society for Pure English, and Mr. Lloyd James, lecturer in phonetics.

Although only two meetings have been held the members of the committee have had ample indication of the magnitude of their task, and they have come to decisions of importance. Professor Daniel Jones told an *Evening Standard* representative something about the work that is going on and way it is necessary.

#### Guiding the Public.

"The object of the committee," he said, "is to make recommendations concerning words that have a pronunciation which is doubtful. In this connection there are certain words which suddenly come into general use without people being aware of how to pronounce them. They see them only in print. One might take the word 'guyratory' as an example. It can be pronounced in many ways, but the recommendation of the committee is that it should be pronounced 'guy-ratory.' The accent is on the first syllable, and the 'a' does not have its full value. With regard to 'congratulatory,' however, the pronunciation decided upon is 'congratulatory,' the reason for this being the great number of consonant sounds.

"There has always been a certain amount of confusion regarding names of places and persons. For instance, many people pronounce 'Calais' with the 's,' on the assumption that any other way is incorrect. In a book entitled 'Manners and Rules of Good Society,' the pronunciation of the last letter is insisted on, but we decided not to recommend the use of the 's'.

In the case of places like Versailles, Marseilles, Lyons, and Rheims, we recommended the English and not the French pronunciation, but no decision had been reached concerning that great word of the war, 'Ypres.'

#### Yvonne and Legion.

"It has been pointed out by some members of the committee that the soldiers' name of 'Wipers' is exactly the same as the old English pronunciation. The Ypres gate at Bye has always been called the Wipers gate locally and possibly 'Wipers' will be recommended."

"How, then, would the French girl's name 'Yvonne' be pronounced?"

"That would be 'E-vonne,' of course. But the difficulties are numerous when you get to the names of tennis players, for instance. There are people who say 'Lenglen,' just as it is spelt, and others who think it correct to say 'Longlen,' whereas the second syllable should rhyme with 'glen.' It seems as if in cases of this kind the best plan will be to make an English attempt at the French pronunciation.

Here are a few of the words that have had their pronunciation decided by the committee after much discussion:

Often: Without the 't'.  
Humour: With the aspirate 'h' sound.  
Idyll: Idill, and not, as most people prefer, 'eydel'.

Privacy: Pry-vacy, not priv-acy.  
Allies: With the accent on the second syllable.

Acoustics: A-koo-stics.  
Respite: Respitt and not res-pite.

Mr. Rudy Wiedtke, the famous saxophonist, will give some examples of his skill from London at the end of the month.

## LIONS IN ROAD SMASH.

### CAGE OVERTURNED AND BROKEN.

A heavy motor engine drawing a van and a cage containing three large lions skidded when descending a steep hill at Chudleigh, Devon, on July 19th. Just behind were other vans full of monkeys and other animals, part of a menagerie belonging to Mr. Pat Collins.

The engine brakes failed to act and the vehicle mounted a hedge. The whole train turned completely over. The living van was shattered and the back of the lions' van was broken in.

One of the lions tried to force its way out of the van. It was three-parts out, and only two large nails prevented it from escaping. It was driven back by those in charge of the menagerie. The lions were cowed by the smash.

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## MRS. PANKHURST TO-DAY.

"IT IS THE MEN'S JOB TO  
PROVIDE HOMES."

"LET THEM STOP QUARRELLING  
AND EARN THE MONEY."

Sir George Newman, Chief Medical Officer to the Ministry of Health, addressing the delegates to the annual conference of women's institutes the other day, told his hearers that scientific care of children was needed if we were to create an Imperial race.

An increasing number of women are asking themselves how this necessary care can be given to all the children of the British people. How can we give our children the environment and the physical, mental, and moral care required for the making of a race worthy of its Imperial inheritance and prepared for its great responsibilities?

The proper rearing of a child is an expensive process, and only the fortunate few among parents can as yet afford to give their children all they should have to make them as nearly perfect in body and mind as is humanly possible.

"Why Don't Men Get Together?"

Even if every child were born of healthy parents (which is far from being the case) there are not enough suitable homes, nor enough food and clothing, ready for them after they are born. How to procure and pay for these indispensable things is the constant preoccupation of the majority of mothers.

While Dr. Newman was delivering his admirable speech to women in the Queen's Hall, I was standing with one of these worried women in Horseferry-road, Westminster. We were looking at the experimental six-roomed house built by unskilled labour at small cost and in an incredibly short space of time.

After reading the notice board, my companion exclaimed: "If houses like this can be built so cheaply and so quickly, why don't men get together and build them, and so save women and children from having to live in single rooms, or even going to the workhouse, for shelter? It is the men's job to provide homes, so they say. Why don't they stop quarrelling among themselves and do it?"

Millions of women today are asking the same question.

His Duty—and Hers.

If it is the woman's duty to risk her life in the service of her country, and to die for the cause of humanity (and no one denies it is her duty), then it is clearly the man's job to provide a suitable and secure home and the necessary money to enable her to do her work properly.

The greatest service women can render to the nation and the race at the present time is to impress upon men collectively and individually that their most pressing duty is to provide homes for the rising generation. Let us insist on more houses without loss of time, because we know that this year 700,000 women will bear 700,000 future citizens, and therefore the need for homes is more than ever urgent.

Let us see to it that the houses so greatly needed are adapted to modern requirements and equipped with labour-saving appliances, so that domestic work shall not entail long hours of hopeless drudgery.

An adequate and conveniently installed supply of water, gas, and electricity should be compulsory in every house, however small; and no house must be built without a bathroom. In the family house there must be not fewer than three bedrooms, comfortable living rooms, and a conveniently arranged kitchen.

Recent experiments have proved that it is possible to provide such houses at a moderate price.

It has also been proved that the necessary labour can be recruited from the ranks of the unemployed. The six-roomed concrete house I inspected in Horseferry-road is the work of unskilled men, and I shall long remember the pride with which one of them (an ex-Service man) showed me what they have accomplished. He knew nothing of house-building when he started; but "There's nothing you can't do if you want to do it, and use your brains," said he.

The War, and Then Strikes.

Can we not without further loss of time, make an effort to settle the housing question and solve the problem of unemployment by building on a large scale the houses that are so urgently needed, and must be provided before we can hope for success in our task of creating an Imperial race?

When our houses are built and furnished, our work will really begin.

The Imperial citizen in prospect is an expensive as well as a precious responsibility. He must be kept in good health, be well fed, well clothed, and well educated. There must be no scrimping and saving where the child is concerned, if we are to make a real success of our job. To economise at the expense of the child is a fatal policy; and yet we are faced with a most difficult situation.

The war left us poor, and strikes and industrial disputes have made us poorer. How in the face of these hard economic facts are we to find the means for our great and patriotic task?

The answer is to be found in the exclamation of my chance acquaintance in the Horseferry-road: "Let the men stop quarrelling among themselves—and earn the necessary money."

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## £120,000 SURPRISE.

SURREY WOMAN'S LEGACY FROM  
HER FATHER.

AN EMPLOYEE OF FAR EAST  
CABLE CO.

Carewax, July 28th.

Mrs. Selfe, who during the war lived at Croydon, Surrey, with her father, has inherited £120,000 under his will. He had been formerly employed by a cable company in the Far East. After retiring he invested his savings in oil and other shares, nearly everything he touched booming. The size of the legacy greatly surprised Mrs. Selfe and her husband.

Mrs. Selfe says that she and her husband intend devoting themselves to gardening for the remainder of their lives in the remote little village near Robertson, where they have resided for the past seven years.

They think South Africa the best country in the world to live in and their three children will be educated here.

## THANKS TO MR. COOK.

HIS RECORD EXAMINED.

Sir Francis Joseph writing in a Home paper says:—Perhaps the most important claim made by Mr. Cook is that he is fighting the battle of the workers. The number who believe Mr. Cook is rapidly growing smaller, but it is desirable to state what Mr. Cook's efforts have accomplished.

1. He secured a general strike in our main industries which ended in a collapse.

2. As a result of the general strike and the continued strike of the miners, nearly every trade union in the country has practically exhausted the funds accumulated over years.

3. Thousands of workers cannot be reinstated. These men are drawing the depleted funds of their union—thanks to Mr. Cook.

4. Valuable concessions have been sacrificed by the railway workers and others, solely owing to Mr. Cook.

5. The number of unemployed registered at the Labour Exchanges has increased by over one million. These figures do not include the miners, who number 1,100,000.

6. Trade has been paralysed.

7. He (Mr. Cook) has lost to the workers markets which will take years to regain.

8. He has deluded the miners and the workers by telling them that the miners in other countries would not get coal for Great Britain.

9. His policy has given boom conditions to the miners of France, Germany, Belgium, and elsewhere. They are working seven days a week.

10. He has compelled many factories in this country to adopt alternatives for fuel. When the mines restart many of these factories may not go back to coal.

11. He has done more than any living man to destroy the workers' faith in trade unionism as a force which, by wisdom and negotiating ability, protects their interests and improves their position.

12. He has abused and vilified practically every trade union leader of repute because they refuse blindly to follow his insane policy.

13. He has boasted that the strike has already cost £400,000,000.

This is his record on behalf of the workers. Surely the time has come when Mr. Cook, the humble disciple of Lenin and Trotsky, must be judged by the stark realities which his policy has produced!

## No More Class Warfare.

We can accomplish the task of creating an Imperial race when national unity and co-operation take the place of class hatred and class warfare, when arbitration takes the place of strikes and lock-outs, which mean the reckless squandering of life and money. By means of co-operation and industrial peace we shall acquire the national wealth, prosperity and security that are needed to secure the home conditions, the education and the training that are essential for the creating and preserving of an Imperial race.

Women by nature and inherited training and experience are vitally interested in the guardianship of the race. They are now citizens sharing with men the duties and responsibilities of citizenship, and can do much to make men of all classes realise the seriousness of the present situation.

Men and women alike must in the national interest forget their differences and unite to protect and develop the great inheritance of the British people.—EMMELINE PANKHURST in Ez.

## THE BURDEN OF INDIGESTION.

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### IRON PICTURES.

A DISTINCTIVE CHINESE CRAFT.

#### THE STORY OF ITS ORIGIN.

One of the distinctive crafts of China, which enjoyed a considerable vogue among the Manchus and is popular among foreigners, is that of wrought iron pictures. Using the common material of which wagon tires, nails and hoes are made, a skilled smith may make pictures of landscapes or flowers which rival in beauty of line and delicacy of composition the ink paintings which are their models. More substantial than the paintings, they may be mounted in frames, with paper or silk behind them, or placed in windows so that they become part of the architectural decoration of the room. Both methods of display are followed by the Chinese, though the foreigners generally prefer the more portable form. It is certain, too, that some of the best of these pictures were mounted in frames, for we still have some bearing upon white silk or paper backgrounds the signatures and seal of the man who is reputed to have been the inventor of the art.

#### ORIGIN OF THE PICTURES.

There are many stories concerning the origin of these pictures. One favourite narrative concerns the artistic son of a master blacksmith, who used to play with shavings and scraps of iron in a corner of his father's smithy. With these he made pictures which attracted the attention of his elders and led them to develop a plan by which the compositions could be preserved.

Another well-known tale is that of the smith who lived across the road from a temple in which dwelt a priest famous for his ink paintings. The iron worker begged the priest to teach him to paint, but the latter laughingly sent him back to his forge. Later the priest began to dispose of his paintings, and the rumour spread that most of them were being bought by one man. Shortly thereafter copies of these paintings wrought in iron began to appear in the market. When the case was investigated it was found that the smith had stuck to his forge without giving up his hope of becoming an artist.

The only story for which I am able to quote more than hearsay authority is that of Tang Ping, whose biography in the Chinese Biographical Dictionary gives an account of the origin of this unique handicraft.

In the time of Kang Hsi, second emperor of the Ch'ing dynasty, there lived in Wuhu in Anhwei a man by the name of Tang Ping who was called T'ien Ch'ih. He was an iron worker by trade, and had the good or bad fortune to live next to the home of the artist Hsiao Yun Ts'ung. This artist held a very exalted opinion of both himself and his art, and apparently he lost no opportunity to impress his greatness upon his more humble neighbours. Tang Ping was not pleased with this, but thought that if his neighbour could be an artist he could also. One day after a particularly aggravating experience, he went into his house, shut his door, and gave himself up to thought. After some time spent in meditation he leaped up, and thrust a piece of iron into the fire, and presently drawing it forth red hot, bent it into the shape of grass, insects, flowers and bamboo. He continued to develop his technique until he was able to make large landscapes; and it is said that his work was exactly like that of famous artists. He produced a large number of pictures in spite of the fact that it sometimes took him a year to complete a large landscape. Some of his pictures were mounted in frames, and it is recorded that some were made into more utilitarian lanterns. Though many men bought his pictures when he was alive not many and only small specimens of his work survive. He called these products of his forge "iron pictures," *tieh hua*.

Two other names of Anhwei men are associated with the early days of iron pictures. One is Chu Ke Sheng, and the other Liang Ying Feng. The latter is said by some to have been the real inventor of these pictures. He was older than Tang Ping, and lived in a different village; but during part of his lives at least they were contemporaries. However valid may be Liang's claim to the honour of having been the originator of this kind of metal work, it is certain that it was Tang's work that first received prominence and recognition. Liang is said to have called his pictures "iron flowers," *tieh hua*.

#### PRESENT DAY PRICES.

Iron pictures are produced to-day in the vicinity of Wuhu, and may be found for sale in Peking. When the amount of work involved in the making of them is considered the prices, which vary about Yuan \$30 for an ordinary set of four panels, are not dear. As the pictures must support themselves they are usually made in sets of panels. Landscapes are so composed that each one of a set is complete in itself or an adequate component part of a unified whole when the panels are hung together. A favourite subject is the *Four Seasons*, in which the plum, orchid, bamboo and chrysanthemum are represented, one in each of four panels. Single panels having single subjects are also produced. Repert has it that the making of these pictures is becoming a lost art. In former days imperial patronage was often enjoyed by the makers, and Kang Hsi is said to have been especially liberal. What the future will hold is doubtful.

When we look at these pictures from the standpoint of a handicraft we need withhold none of our admiration for the skill and ingenuity with which the smiths have wrought the delicate lines that form their compositions. In some of the larger compositions the bark of trees and construction of leaves is represented in most meticulous detail, and the sets of flowers are often very realistic. We must, however, be careful to avoid including iron

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pictures with other pictures as an art in China, for they depend for their effect entirely upon the faithfulness with which they reproduce the appearance of line paintings. So far as I have seen no technique has been developed which may be considered characteristic of either the material or the method of working it, and since the technique must be distinctive to the art, the craft that borrows its effects cannot be given a high rank. But this is said more by way of caution than criticism, for these iron panels have a unique place among the decorative crafts and deserve interest and admiration accordingly.

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Amid scenes of tense excitement Romney's famous portrait of Mrs. Davenport was sold on July 25th, at Christie's rooms, King Street, St. James's, S.W., for \$60,900—the greatest price ever paid for any English picture sold by auction.

It was bought by Mr. Alexander Martin on behalf of Sir Joseph Duveen, the art dealer. The canvas is 20½ in. by 24½ in. and Romney's fee for painting it, it is stated, probably did not exceed \$45 or \$55. It was only obtained by Mr. Martin after a swift but relentless fight with Mr. Charles Carstairs, representing the American art-dealing firm of Knoedler's, who are probably Sir Joseph Duveen's most formidable rivals.

Sir Joseph Duveen, who is in France, informed the Paris correspondent of *The Daily Mail* that he has not acted as an agent but that his firm has bought the picture for itself. Whether or not it goes abroad depends upon to whom it is sold.

When the picture of the rather haughty beauty of the 18th century, with her ringlets of powdered hair tumbling beneath her wide white felt hat was placed on an easel by the rostrum, a great burst of hand-clapping broke from the crowd of men and women who completely filled the great room and who were even standing outside the doors.

Enthralled by Picture.

Murmurs of admiration and delight rose alike from pretty young girls with close cut hair and tight fitting hats, and from elderly grey-haired men. Frankly enthralled they feasted their bright eyes upon those calm dark ones of this woman at a more tranquil age, whose eyebrows were faintly raised as in mild protest at their enthusiasm.

Bidding began at about 5,000 guineas, and bids came quickly from several parts of the room. When, however, only Mr. Martin, a quiet, middle-aged man, who stood just by the rostrum, and Mr. Carstairs, who stood in a corner of the room close by, continued to bid.

Rapidly, by jumps chiefly of 1,000 guineas, varied by an occasional jump of 2,000 guineas, the price rose.

In an atmosphere of hushed expectancy the voice of the auctioneer, Mr. Lance Hannen, chanted its regular refrain—"16,000 guineas, 17,000 guineas, 18,000 guineas."

Nobody else spoke. As he uttered each figure he turned first to one contestant and then the other, to receive from each a quick but decisive nod.

As the swiftly ascending bids passed into 30,000 guineas the excitement became very intense. Only a few moments later, however, it has passed to 40,000 guineas.

Still neither of the two bidders showed any signs of irresolution. People at the back of the room stood on tiptoe straining to catch a glimpse of these two men who were calmly nodding at 45,000 guineas, 46,000 guineas, 47,000 guineas.

When 52,000 guineas had been bid many of the art experts present must have felt a sudden thrill, for they knew that the previous record price was passed, and that they were present at an occasion which was to be historic in the art world.

Still the voice of Mr. Hannen continued to chant in even tones the same tale—55,000 guineas, 56,000 guineas. Refrain Broken.

Suddenly, when he reached 58,000 guineas, his refrain was broken. Mr. Carstairs had not nodded. A wave of emotion swept through the room. Everybody looked towards the man in the corner. He gave a gesture to show that he was bidding no longer.

Looking towards him, Mr. Hannen said quietly, "58,000 guineas, 59,000 guineas," and then, bringing his hammer down on the rostrum, said decisively, "59,000 guineas—Martin."

Immediately the throng of spectators, whose nerves were now strained to a high pitch, broke into loud and sustained applause. Their fixed attention relaxed, they talked excitedly to each other, discussing the amazing price.

Mr. Martin then announced in a few words that he had bought the picture on behalf of Sir Joseph Duveen, and there was again a burst of applause.

Five Minutes' Bidding.

The actual bidding for the picture only took about 5 minutes in all, and a member of the firm, of long standing, told a *Daily Mail* reporter afterwards that he had never known a picture fetching a high price sold so rapidly.

It was an exceptionally quiet auction, too," he said.

The high price is especially remarkable as the picture is a comparatively small one.

Mr. Martin, who bought the picture, while not disclosing whether he was given any limit to which to go, said that Sir Joseph Duveen was very determined to buy it. Continuing, he remarked:

Oddly enough, the two previous record sales of pictures by auction have both been Romneys and both have been bought by Duveen's.

A portrait of Anne de la Pole was bought for £41,370 in 1913. This was a record price; but it was beaten in 1920, when £54,800 was given for a portrait of the Misses Beckett when children.

Wonderfully Preserved.

The portrait of Mrs. Davenport is wonderfully preserved and is, I should say, even better now than when it was first painted.

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OUR FRIENDS IN THE FAR EAST.

JAPAN'S LOVE OF ENGLAND.

THE MOST PRO-BRITISH OF FOREIGN COUNTRIES.

[By HAROLD E. PALMER, Adviser to the Japanese Ministry of Education.]

"Japan is by far the most pro-British of all foreign countries," writes Mr. Harold E. Palmer in the *Daily Mail*. "That is the impression I have gained during four years spent in intimate contact with all classes of Japanese society in all parts of the Japanese Empire."

Quite recently a Japanese Minister, commenting upon the great strike, observed to me that in England only could such an event be marked by common sense, good humour, and reasonableness, and that in England only could freedom of speech be permitted without undesirable consequences.

The Japanese and British aristocracies have this in common—that they are reserved and shy and that they are incapable of boasting or of adopting the defensive attitude, for they have nothing to defend.

For exactly the same reason both the British and the Japanese are suspected and misunderstood; we are the two nations on earth who are too proud to explain. The modern Japanese samurai bases his conduct on his ideal—the English gentleman. He finds little or no discrepancy between the code of Bushido and that which characterises the Englishman. For the Japanese educated classes the term "Western Civilisation" is more or less synonymous with the term "British Culture."

The Japanese Press is sympathetic. With a broad outlook it discusses British internal and external difficulties as a friend who sees all sides with generous understanding.

The Press deplores the building of the Singapore base. "We have withdrawn our garrisons from China and from Russia," the Japanese say. "We have accepted the Washington agreement in letter and in spirit. Although we, like Great Britain, depend on our navy and distant bases, we are content to adopt a non-aggressive policy, contracting rather than expending. We have been of humble service to England in the past—can you not trust us to be as friendly in the future?" In no other Press do we find such sympathetic cordiality.

The people are sympathetic. In remote villages and distant countryside the inn-keeper or farmer will respond to friendly advances. "From what country is honourable foreigners?" And at the reply "from England" the reaction is genuine and spontaneous. "I am glad you are from England; we know you are our friends."

English is the second language of Japan. When any language other than Japanese is felt to be needed, English is that language. All foreigners are assumed to know English; and the Frenchman, German, or Russian going to Japan learns English as a part of his necessary equipment. French is occasionally German is the second language of the medical world, but English is the foreign language, either in its American guise or, preferably, in its British form.

Speaking as an Anglo-Saxon (this term really means Anglo-American) I rejoice in this, speaking as the English adviser to the Ministry of Education, I may be permitted to gloat over the bias in favour of the British variety. But as a non-Nationalist I should have preferred to see an artificial non-national language of the 19th century (call it Reformed Esperanto) as the second language of Japan. For the same reason I am grieved and glad that the Japanese have adopted the artificial non-national metric system rather than the "natural" Anglo-Saxon system of weights and measures.

Although English is the second language of Japan, strangely enough the Japanese students, instead of learning English, learn merely how to pass a competitive examination in that weird sort of English which is unknown beyond the foreign class-room. He acquires a sort of expertness in handling subtleties of antiquated idiom; he is told and believes that this is the road to scholarship and Western culture. Hence the English-teaching reform movement, which, incidentally, brought me to Japan.

Prince Chichibu, whom I was privileged to coach in spoken English before his stay in England, I consider to be a model to the Japanese student of English—a hard worker, conscientious, ready to study English as it is.

A generation ago the Japanese studied English in this spirit. The present generation has tended to study that sort of English which exists only in the vain imaginings of pedants. The rising generation is concerned with English as a means to Western culture in the true sense.

Save on two occasions when it has been exhibited to the public—the last being about 20 years ago—the portrait has hung on the walls of the house of Mrs. Davenport's family. It has been sold by a descendant, Sir William Bromley-Davenport, of Capethorne, Chelford, Cheshire.

The picture, while privately owned, has been made familiar to the public, and famous, by engravings. It is of Charlotte, daughter of Mr. Ralph Sneyd, of Keele, Staffordshire. She was born in 1758; married in 1777 Mr. Davies Davenport of Capethorne, M.P. for Cheshire; and died in 1828.

A portrait by Romney of Lady Hamilton, the friend of Nelson, was bought at the same sale by Duveen Bros. for £13,950, while Reburn's portrait of Sir Duncan Campbell, Bart., was bought by Messrs. Knoedler for £5,460.

## Hongkong Weekly Press.

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THE ESCALATOR HABIT.

With the opening of the extension of the City and South London Railway from Clapham Common to Morden this month, London's Underground Railway system will push another five and a half miles into open country and bring 300,000 more inhabitants of the outer belt of linked suburbs into close contact with the City.

This new stride forward again, emphasises the importance of our subterranean traffic ways in developing new residential areas, as well as in helping to solve the complicated puzzle of congestion on surface lines and roads, writes Sir Percival Phillips.

London can say with truth that her Underground Railway system is in some respects the best in the world. Foreign cities may boast of greater mileage, and of more trains in a given time, but for comfort and security, as well as speed, the service linking the City with her more remote dependencies can easily claim first place.

The Popular Escalator.

Expansion underground would have been greater by this time but for the disinclination of travellers to go below ground for short journeys. In this respect London is at a disadvantage compared with Paris and New York where the "tubes" are shallow and quickly reached.

Escalators have helped to remove the objection that surface journeys are preferable, even if they take longer. Underground railway experts who watch the "temperature charts" of crowded stations have found their bookings increased by leaps and bounds at points where the moving stairway has superseded the more cumbersome combination of lifts and winding tunnels for pedestrians. Escalators, therefore, appear to be the antidote for travellers who are "underground shy," as well as for the more distinct type known technically as the "short-distance man."

Five miles of the new line are below the surface. All six stations between Clapham Common (the present terminus) and Morden will be fitted with the latest type of escalators.

Garage for Travellers.

At Morden there will be an omnibus terminus enclosed in a forecourt of 14,700 square yards, where passengers can alight under cover. In addition to sheds for 250 Underground cars, a garage has been constructed with accommodation for 250 private motor-cars, motor-cycles and bicycles.

Much time will be saved by the new train service.

Another Underground extension which will materially increase the efficiency of the service is provided for by a Bill in Parliament which will probably be passed this month. It will enable the company to build a short link connecting the Piccadilly line with two disused lines of the Southern Railway at Hammersmith, thereby giving access to Hounslow, Harrow and Ealing. Four lines will be built between Turnham Green and Acton as part of this improvement scheme, the total cost of which will be about £1,500,000.

"If Londoners want still further improvements in the Underground system they must use it more," an official of the company said. "We suffer from the fickle passenger who only comes to us in wet weather, and at other times travels obstinately to the omnibus way of travelling. We hope that the new extensions which give rapid long distance service will tend to stabilise traffic, and lead to the realisation that the quickest and best way of getting about London is by Underground."

WHAT MR. COOK WON'T SEE.

NEWSPAPER COMMENT.

FANATICAL BITTERNESS.

"Mr. Cook, like the Bourbons of old, whom he so strikingly resembles with his fanatical bitterness and his insistence on his own supreme importance, has evidently learnt nothing and forgotten nothing as the result of recent events," comments the *Daily Mail*.

He has been told by fellow trade unionists that "it is not leadership to stand by while hundreds of thousands of men and their families starve on a slogan." His only answer is to denounce the "brutal methods" of the Government and the "colliery-owners" and to pretend that a "reign of terror" against the miners exists in Warwickshire. Such transparent nonsense was seldom talked.

If Mr. Cook wants to know what a true reign of terror is like let him go to his beloved Soviet Russia, where, as the *Statist* recently recorded, three Bolshevik "commissars" were shot a few weeks ago "for being found with foreign money."

"The real issue before the miners and the whole country is this—that the times are so hard and foreign competition so intense that we must all work harder. Lord Birkenhead stated the unmistakable truth when he said that since the war all the conditions of life have become more painful for all of us. 'We are living,' he said, 'in a country which in the future will not be a country either comfortable or self-supporting for idlers. It will be a country in which workers may find it difficult to obtain even a means of subsistence.' It will be a country, in fact, where there will be no room for parasites, whatever their station in life."

"In the long run no industry can pay wages that are not earned. It is this truth which is overlooked by Mr. Cook. He knows that, if his own 'slogan' of 'not a penny off the pay nor a second on the day' were really accepted, half the mining industry would be bankrupt and half the miners would be left parasites, dependent on doles, unless they fled this country. What he wants is another huge subsidy at the taxpayer's expense. But as one of the members of the Co-operative Society which owns Shillbottle Colliery wrote the other day 'hundreds of thousands of us (who would have to pay taxes for the subsidy) earn lower wages and work longer hours than the miners do.'"

Mr. Cook himself two years ago admitted that he knew only too well that the miners of Great Britain cannot retain their seven-hour day and their present conditions while the miners of European countries, and of India and Japan, work long hours for low wages. He has not the manliness to advise the course which is necessary and inevitable. Since he made that admission the working day in Italy has been lengthened from eight to nine hours for the main purpose of competing successfully with foreign countries (ourselves among them) in the world markets. The Italian people have accepted the sacrifice and recognised the hard facts, while Mr. Cook is still bellowing his "slogans" unabashed.

"What the miners have to contend with is not the colliery-owners or the Government, but the simple economic law that the worker cannot be paid more than he earns by his labour. If he produces little (and the British output per miner is now below that of the German miner and is 102 tons per man per annum below what it was a generation ago), then he cannot long be paid a high wage for the shortest working day in Europe. Neither colliery-owners nor Government can alter the economic law. The grant of doles or subsidies, like poulticing a cancer, can only make the disease in the end worse. There is only one cure—once certain and sovereign cure—for our ills, and that is to do our very utmost and work our very hardest, all classes from the highest to the lowest."



## COMMENTS ON VICTORIES.

## KUOMINTANG'S SINGLE COMMAND.

ALL POWER IN HANDS OF CHIANG KAI SHEK.

## A PROTEST TO PEKING.

[FROM OUR CHINESE CORRESPONDENT.]

Chinese Press comments lately have attributed the fall of Yochow in Hunan to the Kuomintang Army to the lack of a central command among the Northern troops and to the advantage which the Kuomintang possess through concentrating all power in the hands of General Chiang Kai Shek. It may be recalled that General Chiang did not issue his order from Changsha for a general attack on the Northern forces until August 18th, and on the 19th Pengkiang was reported taken and on the 21st, Yochow was captured.

## OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE AND NEWSPAPERS.

The question of whether or not all Kuomintang 'communiqués', supplied by the propaganda bureau shall be printed is engaging the attention of party as well as non-party organs in Canton. Among the non-Kuomintang newspapers, some six which are now being allowed to resume publication, it has been decided to accept the Police order that no news concerning the Northern Expedition, other than that furnished by the Kuomintang shall be published but, at the same time, it is considered that a newspaper is not under any obligation to publish all the 'copy' handed out by the Kuomintang propaganda bureau.

The *Min Pao*, of Swatow, was on August 18th suppressed by the local authorities and this action has been approved by the Kuomintang authorities in Canton. The *Min Pao* on August 17th reported that Nankow Pass in North China had been captured by allied troops.

The *Chung Hua Min Pao* of Hongkong, one of the few Hongkong Chinese daily newspapers permitted to circulate in Canton, had this special privilege taken from it several days ago, presumably because it published Shanghai and Peking news describing the failure of the Kuomintang Army in North China.

The *Seventy-two Commercial Guilds Journal* of Canton, which resumed publication but a few days ago, was also summoned in Canton for having reported the fall of Nankow. According to the stand taken by this journal, the movement of troops not directly under the Canton Kuomintang should not be considered as coming within the prohibition orders issued by the Police.

Since the reported fall of Nankow and the realization that the Kuomintang Army will never be able to reach Peking, Kuomintang paper money, as I reported yesterday, has still further depreciated. Minor local disturbances over the negotiation of bonds, which have no substantial backing, have become frequent.

The Kuomintang are now having a 'party cleaning' campaign and all 'undesirables' are being asked to resign their membership.

## INVITED TO SUBSCRIBE.

The people of Chiao-mei (Swatow districts) are again being asked to come to the assistance of the Kuomintang, this time to subscribe \$1,000,000 to the second issue of war bonds, known officially as \$10,000,000 Whampoa Development Bonds. The people of Swatow are to subscribe \$155,000; Chao-an, \$130,000; Chao-yang, \$130,000; Kityang, \$100,000; and others from \$85,000 to \$20,000.

Landlords in Kukkong, a North Kwangtung district, are having trouble with the Kuomintang farmers. The farmers are forming a league to pay only 70 per cent. of their normal rentals. The opinion of the landlords regarding this new move was not asked. The Kuomintang farmers wish to pay less rent but they are unwilling to surrender their tenancies.

## PROTEST TO PEKING.

The Canton Kuomintang have decided to wire to the Peking authorities protesting against the recent arrest of more than 35 of their members as 'Reds.' Reports of arrests of Kuomintang members in Shanghai, Hangchow, Nanjing, and other parts of China have also been received by the party headquarters in Canton.

## CREDITORS AND DEBTORS.

## FRIDAY MORNING AT THE SUMMARY COURT.

## MONEYLENDING "SINGHS."

Every Friday morning is set aside at the Summary Court for moneylending cases. Occasionally there is a claim for rent or for services rendered. The Court is more crowded than on any other weekday for cases are always numerous.

The solicitor's table is crowded with European solicitors. In most cases they appear for plaintiffs. More often than not, the defendants absent themselves. Then often Mr. Justice Wood intimates that he will hear a case in Chambers on Saturday morning. Saturday morning must also be a busy time for his Lordship.

The cases in which solicitors are engaged are soon dealt with. Occasionally, when the defendants are Europeans the claim is disputed. In such cases the parties must attend on a specified afternoon next week.

## THE LIMPETS.

The solicitors depart. Those who remain are too poor or too wise to burden themselves with legal fees. With the departure of the solicitors the moneylending "Singhs" take the field. They number about half a dozen. Turbanned, black-bearded, they sit in the front seat behind the dock. They were there last Friday morning, the Friday morning before; they are there, like limpets every Friday morning. Behind them again the seats are crowded with Chinese, men and women, the former in the majority.

Names are called. Mr. Singh takes his stand near the witness-box. A Chinese waddles up and looks askance at his Lordship. The Indian Fagin produces a document, dirty, creased, like an ancient Hongkong paper dollar. It is handed to his Lordship.

## A CHINESE PLEA.

The defendant is asked if he admits the debt. He nods his head, and usually adds that although he borrowed a certain sum, he signed for double that amount. Furthermore he paid exorbitant interest. The Indian vigorously denies it. He only charged him 2 per cent. "You will pay \$10 a month," says his Lordship, addressing the defendant. "Can't you make it less?" pleads the debtor. "I have a family; I have other debts; my salary is small."

Sometimes there follows an agreement. Sometimes the instalments are lessened. On such occasions Mr. Singh looks very displeased. What a number of debtors the man has! He is certainly a busy shroff every pay day.

The cases of all the Singhs have been settled. They go out together. Out in the corridor they carry on a lively discussion amongst themselves.

## A WOMAN'S GESTURE.

Even after the departure of the Indians there are many more cases. Plaintiffs and defendants are Chinese. More time than ordinarily is taken when the defendant is a woman. The Chinese woman is certainly the personification of loquacity. If it is a claim for rent, then the landlord has not given the correct debt. Most of it had been paid, but no receipts had been given. A similar defence is urged if it is a case of moneylending. Some of the debt had been paid. Oh no! she certainly cannot pay such and such a sum every month! Is she not a widow? Hasn't she children to support? Where is the money coming from?

His Lordship is very kind, very considerate. Very often he tempers justice with mercy. The case is settled after a deal of argument. It is very difficult to please a woman, and particularly when the question concerns money.

## ESTABLISHED PARTICIPANTS.

And so they come and go—creditors and debtors. Slowly the Court empties. Twenty, thirty, forty, perhaps more cases have been dealt with, and as quickly almost as it takes one to get a telephone message through. It would seem so easy to blunder.

And thus it will go on. Next Friday morning again they will be there, different parties no doubt, excepting the "Singhs." They will come as sure as deacons go to their chapels. They will produce order receipts, dirty, creased, finger-marked receipts—the emblems of their moneylending profession.

## LANDLORD AND TENANT.

## FRENCH PASTRY SUE FOR RENT.

## JUDGMENT RESERVED.

The case in which a Chinese landlord residing at 24, Cleverley Street, is suing M. Albert Guetant, of the French Pastry Store, 22, Queen's Road Central, for \$210, balance of rent due for the month of June in respect of No. 6, Kennedy Road, was continued before Mr. Justice Wood at the Summary Court yesterday. M. Guetant counter-claimed for a similar amount. He claimed that he had paid the sum for putting gas fixtures in the house.

Mr. L. D. Turner appeared for M. Guetant and Mr. W. B. Hind represented the landlord.

At the previous hearing, Mr. Hind's client and witnesses had given evidence.

At yesterday's hearing, M. Albert said that when he took the house over it had no gas fittings. He put in two gas stoves and five geyzers. The landlord had not reimbursed him for the money he had spent.

He further contended that when the landlord's shroff called he paid him the whole rent due. He then owed \$800, but as the bill for the installation of gas fittings amounted to \$210, he offered the shroff \$590, saying that he would retain \$210 to pay the Gas Company. The shroff would not agree to this procedure, and demanded the full amount. Witness then gave him a cheque for \$390 and paid the remainder \$210 in cash. He received the cash from his wife. Ten days later, he received a letter from the landlord's solicitors demanding \$210. He repudiated the claim, and he received no reply.

Witness's wife gave corroborative evidence.

His Lordship reserved judgment.

## POSSESSION OF ARMS CASE.

## THIRD DEFENDANT SENTENCED.

At the Kowloon Magistracy last week three men appeared before Mr. J. H. B. Nihil charged with the unlawful possession of one revolver loaded in four chambers, three daggers and other instruments for an unlawful purpose.

The instruments comprised a girdle used by the average Chinese coolie and alleged by the Police to be fit for gagging victims, two torches which consisted of rattan twisted together, and three electric crackers, stated to be used for the purpose of alarming persons who were held up, as the revolver found on the person of the first defendant was defective.

The case was a sequel to the action of Sergt. Kennedy and Inspector Stimson, of Yaumati, who, acting on information that on the night of August 11th a robbery was planned by a band consisting of four Chinese, at Ngau Tau Kok, visited the place at 8 p.m. Three men were arrested in consequence and a fourth escaped. Shots were fired at the fugitive but his pursuers soon lost track of him in the dark.

When the case was before the Court last week, two of the defendants were sentenced to four years' hard labour, on the two charges.

## THE THIRD DEFENDANT.

The third defendant then denied all knowledge of the weapons and pleaded that he was not acquainted with the other two defendants. He said that he was walking along the road, which at that time of the night was deserted, but for three men who were in front of him. He immediately quickened his steps and caught up to the men, as he wanted company along the road. He did not know them.

His Worship adjourned the case then until yesterday, as the third defendant said he wished to call a friend to give evidence on his behalf.

When the case was called yesterday afternoon it was found that the defendant had been unable to find his witness, and he was sentenced to four years' hard labour.

## WEATHER REPORT.

Last night's weather report, forecast and remarks, issued from the Royal Observatory, stated:—

The northern depression is now over S.E. Manchuria, the southern depression is stationary over S.W. China.

Local forecast: S.W. winds, moderate, overcast occasional rain.

## THEFT OF CABLE.

## SOLD TO CHINESE MARINE DEALER.

## MISCREANTS GAOLED.

Before Major C. Willson, at the Central Magistracy yesterday, two Chinese were charged with the theft of a telegraph cable in Albany Road nullah between the filter beds and May Road. The cable measured some 600 feet and was valued at \$400.

Det-Sergeant Flaherty said that when he caught the two defendants, they took the police to a marine dealer where a part of the missing cable (between 300 to 400 feet) was found, but only the lead covering. It was discovered that the defendants had sold the lead at the rate of 15 cents and three cash per catty, realising a total sum of about \$40.

Mr. C. W. Somers, of the Eastern Extension Telegraph Company, remarked that it was hardly possible to offer for sale material of this kind to a marine dealer without arousing suspicion.

Questioned on this point, the dealer said he believed the defendants' statement that they bought the lead from another dealer in the street.

Defendants were sentenced to two months' hard labour. His Worship deferred his decision as regards the disposal of the material found.

## THE "FUH TAI."

## CHARTERED FOR JAVA TRADE.

The s.s. *Fuh Tai*, owned by Messrs. Waitem & Co., of Bergen, Norway, Shanghai and Hongkong, and a well-known steamer on the China coast, has been chartered out for the Java-China trade. The charterers are Chinese.

The *Fuh Tai*, which is commanded by Captain Andreas Buhre, was originally built for Norwegian owners under the name of *Undine*, but was subsequently sold to other Norwegian owners, being then given the name of *Anna*. The vessel was finally sold to her present owners, and re-named the *Fuh Tai*. She has been sailed under the Chinese flag.

The *Fuh Tai* is a steamer of 2,600 tons deadweight, including bunkers, of which the latter contain about 205 tons. Her registered net tonnage is 974 tons, gross registered tonnage is 1,631 tons, and underdeck tonnage is 1,446 tons. She was built in 1903 by Swan & Hunter, Ltd., the well-known shipbuilders of Newcastle-on-Tyne. Her length is 285 ft., extreme breadth 37 ft. 1 in. and her depth of hold is 17 ft. 9 in. Her moulded depth is 20 ft. Her draft fully loaded is only 18 ft. 1 in. Her speed in fair weather is about 11 knots on a consumption of only about 16 tons of coal per 24 hours. She has twelve decks all over and four large cargo ports on each side. She also has four large commodious hatches, and is equipped with a donkey boiler. Her engines were built by the North Eastern Marine Engineering Co., Ltd., of Newcastle-on-Tyne, and are of the triple expansion type.

## QUEEN'S THEATRE.

## THE WEEK-END PROGRAMMES.

At to-day's performances at the Queen's Theatre there will be screened for the last time "Soul Fire," an unusual, but nevertheless a very interesting and gripping, picture, starring Richard Barthelmess in the principal rôle as Eric Fane, a young American, whose aim in life is to express himself through the medium of music.

This picture opened at the "Queen's" on Thursday and has been well received. As stated, it is rather an unusual class of movie production, but it contains much that appeals, and is, moreover, a very faithful exposition of the life of a young artist who, abhorring the trash and discordant music of the gay ragtime and popular revue songs, goes through a veritable hell before he at length achieves his desire of producing great music in which he has expressed his whole soul. Apart from the story, the scenes in which it develops are laid in Italy, Paris and a Port Said gaming and dance hall, and finally on a South Seas island, where the "great music" comes to Eric Fane during the tragedy of a night, but at the end of which he finds happiness and love away from the superficialities of civilization and in the simplicity of the primitive and his great music. Well worth seeing, one of to-day's showings of this picture should be attended.

In addition, Miss Gladys Garfield whose nightly contributions have been much appreciated during the last two weeks, is making her farewell appearance. She will sing "Valencia" and other songs.

## TO-MORROW'S ATTRACTION.

At the Queen's Theatre to-morrow (Sunday) the principal feature on the new programme will be "Happiness," a picture combining Irish love and Irish wit in a charming romantic comedy. It stars Laurette Taylor, who is of "Peg O' My Heart" fame.

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## THE HOSPITAL QUESTION.

THE site of the new War Memorial Hospital is finished. Now it remains for the road to be made to reach it. The position was selected by the committee after a great deal of careful exploration and thinking. The medical fraternity were consulted when the question of site was under consideration and gave their verdict in favour of the present scheme. It would seem, therefore, that the proper course would be to proceed with the construction of the building unless very good cause can be shown for not doing so.

There are, however, one or two points which might make a reconsideration of the project desirable, particularly as the boycott has necessarily called a halt to many schemes of expansion. If a stranger were to survey the present hospital accommodation he would be somewhat surprised at the liberal provision made for Europeans. Apart from the Naval and Military Hospitals for the fleet and the garrison, there are the following which are available:—The new Kowloon Hospital, The French Convent Hospital, The Italian Convent Hospital, The Victoria Hospital for women and children, The Peak Hospital, The Matilda Hospital and the Infectious Diseases Hospital. It would be interesting to have a return from each, showing the number of patients for the last five years and the cost of upkeep. We could judge from this information how great has been the pressure on their resources. Hospitals are like businesses—some are popular and attract a great number of "clients"; others, in spite of their fine equipment and general atmosphere of being up-to-date, rarely secure much "patronage." The question which needs

answering is whether the present accommodation as a whole has ever been utilised to anything like its full capacity. If not, there would appear to be no reason for multiplying white elephants. It would be much more practical to introduce legislation to increase the usefulness of the Matilda Hospital for example.

It was suggested in the first place that the new War Memorial Hospital would replace the Peak Hospital and the idea was to have a building, thoroughly equipped with all modern appliances, in which medical activities could be centralised. It would be, as it were, the headquarters of medical science in the Colony. If the Government Civil Hospital were not existing and Kowloon had been content with an accident ward such a centralised scheme would be a good one. Even now it may materialise. The site for such a hospital should be, however, not Wong Nei Chong Gap, but the present Peak Hospital site. It is the ideal situation. It occupies a very quiet and cool position and commands a most pleasing view and, now we have the motor road, it is easily accessible. It would not be impossible to acquire more land and to erect on this site a hospital of considerable dimensions which would replace the three already mentioned and in which all the Colony's medical resources might be concentrated—a condition which would afford opportunities for specialist treatment in the various departments.

At any rate it would seem that the best course at the moment is to delay construction of the new War Memorial Hospital until such time as the needs of the Colony are more clamant. When additional accommodation is found to be necessary this other plan could be considered, and it would then probably be regarded as advantageous to replace the present European section of the Government Civil Hospital and the Peak Hospital by constructing an up-to-date building on the site of the latter.

Mr. D. Eakman has reported to the police the theft of an Omega watch, valued at \$20, from his room in Empire Lodge.

The total haul from the Chinese vessel *Hakunin*, which was pirated between Makong and Fukwong on Tuesday last amounted to over \$10,000.

Mr. Geo. W. Grey, F.S.I., Architect to the Hongkong Realty and Trust Co., Ltd., has been elected a Member of The Royal Sanitary Institute.

There will be an innovation at Messrs. Lane, Crawford's Restaurant to-night when a special dinner has been arranged, at which chamber music will be provided by the orchestra.

The Hongkong Radio Society broadcasted another programme of Victor gramophone records, lent by Messrs. Moutrie & Co., between seven and eight o'clock that evening.

Mr. Lee of No. 8, Robinson Road, has reported to the police that he left a richly embroidered bed spread in a taxi, whilst travelling between the Sun Company and Central Market.

Among the passengers arriving here from Manila by the s.s. *President Cleveland* yesterday morning were:—Mr. and Mrs. George Eugene Lamb, Mr. Edwin A. Payne, Mr. Edward W. Payne, Master B. W. Payne, Mr. Ernest Smith and Mr. James W. Wilson.

The engagement of Mr. William W. L. Ma, of No. 3, Kennedy Road, to Miss Ruby Jackson, of Nam Koo Terrace, Wanchai, is announced. Mr. Ma, who has been in charge of the London office of the Sincere Co., Ltd., returned to Hongkong only recently.

A small boy was knocked down in Nathan Road, near Market Street, by a motor cycle driven by Mr. Morgan, of the Public Works Department. The accident, which occurred at 8.15 last night, resulted in serious injuries being received by the boy and in his subsequent removal to hospital.

Mr. H. R. Major has reported to the police that between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. on the 28th inst., motor tools were stolen from his motor cycle when it was left in the Union Insurance godown.

In swerving to avoid running into a ricksha, a motor-car collided with a car driven by Mr. J. W. Hunter at Queen's Road West on Thursday. The other car drove off immediately. It is stated that damage was caused to the mudguard of Mr. Hunter's car.

By tampering with the bolt of the back door, a thief was enabled to enter a shop at No. 60, Bridges Street, one night recently. He stole various articles of jewellery, valued at \$80. The intruder also turned his attention to the counter, from which he took a sum of \$150.

The Hon. Secretary of the Peak Branch of the Ministering Children's League informs us that the proceeds of the Bridge Drive held recently at the Peak Club, including the Raffle for a Tea Cloth, amounted to \$382. The number of the winning ticket in the raffle was 81.

The Chinese arrested on a charge of tag-snatching, at Aberdeen, was remanded at the Central Magistracy yesterday. Det. Sub-Inspector Lane said that by the help of defendant the police hoped to trace the man was responsible for the cases of snatching from Europe ladies in Bowen Road earlier in the week.

As a sequel to the loss of property from a motor car, while Messrs. Fremoulet and Foquet were out bathing at Ting Kau on Wednesday, all of which, with the exception of a motor licence, had since been recovered, the arrest of an unemployed Chinese, alleged to be the thief. The man will appear before the District Officer, South.

The death occurred at the French Hospital, Causeway Bay, yesterday of Mr. Walter Henry Wilde Loureiro, aged 56 years, the eldest son of the late Mr. Pedro Loureiro and of Mrs. Jessie Wilde Loureiro, of Lisbon. The deceased was an engineer, prior to his illness, on one of the local steamers. The funeral took place at Happy Valley Cemetery last evening.

So far no news has been received of the steam launch *Wing Shing* or her crew, which have been missing since the pirate raid on the fishing party at Sung Shing Bay, off Lantau, last Saturday. Police vigilance has not been relaxed, and launches were sent out again yesterday morning in an endeavour to find some trace of her whereabouts, but the general opinion now is that the *Wing Shing* will not be recovered unless voluntarily released by the pirate gang.

At the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday afternoon, before Mr. J. H. B. Nihill, the case was concluded, in which four men were charged with being concerned in committing an armed robbery at No. 104, Woosung Street, Yau-mat, the residence of a Chinese merchant, his wife and daughter, whom the defendants were alleged to have robbed of money, jewellery and other valuables to a total of \$1,500. The men, it will be remembered, were arrested in Macao, and on them a quantity of the stolen jewellery was found. At the conclusion of yesterday's hearing three of the men were committed for trial at the Criminal Sessions on a charge of armed robbery, but the fourth man was discharged, there being no evidence against him, beyond the fact that he was arrested in company with the other three defendants. This man had none of the stolen articles in his possession when arrested.

## FAR EASTERN PORTS.

## WEEKLY HEALTH BULLETIN.

## CASES OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

The Principal Civil Medical Officer of Hongkong receives each week from the League of Nations' Eastern Health Bureau information concerning the incidence of dangerous contagious and infectious diseases in Far Eastern Ports. The Bulletin for the week ending August 21st is as follows:

	PLAGUE	1 case
Bombay	10 cases	
Shanghai	141 cases	
Amoy	11 "	
	SMALL-POX	
Bangkok	4 cases	
Bombay	1 "	
Karachi	1 "	
Madras	3 "	
Rangoon	1 "	
Vladivostok	1 "	

## OBITUARY.

## THE REV. FATHER HENRI SOVEY.

## 15 YEARS IN HONGKONG.

News was received yesterday from Auch, in the South of France, of the death of the Rev. Father Henri Sovey, formerly Procurator of the Missions Etrangères in Shanghai, and for 15 years serving in the Mission in Hongkong.

Deceased who was born in France in 1855, underwent his preliminary theological studies in Paris, and completed them at the General College of the Mission in Penang, where he remained for two years. He passed all his examinations whilst still too young to take Holy Orders. He came to Hongkong on July 10th, 1897, and was the first priest to be ordained by the late Bishop Pozzoni, the ceremony taking place at Nazareth in November of that year. After his ordination, he remained with the French Mission in Hongkong as assistant to the Rev. Father Robert until 1923, when he was transferred to Shanghai. Last year he was made Procurator of the Mission there. Twice during the absence of Father Robert he acted as head of the Mission here, and in that capacity was director of several local companies.

During his stay in the East, the deceased proved himself a hard-working priest. There is no doubt that the energy he put into his work undermined his health, for when he passed through Hongkong in February of this year on his way to France he was in very poor health and he never recovered from his sickness. He had hoped to return to Shanghai in October of this year.

## AN APPEAL FOR FUNDS.

## ALICE MEMORIAL AND AFFILIATED HOSPITALS.

## WORK ON BEHALF OF POOR CHINESE.

These Hospitals are one of the principal examples of joint friendly effort of Chinese and non-Chinese to meet the need of the poor sick. The work as it is to-day is the growth of such effort begun over forty-five years ago.

Dr. W. Young, a local practitioner, in co-operation with certain Chinese and non-Chinese friends, began a dispensary in Tsi Ping Shan and the Western District where there were many Chinese poor.

The work was so successful that in 1887 a leading Chinese gentleman Dr. (afterwards Sir Kai) Ho Kai decided to build a Hospital in memory of his late wife Alice, and the Alice Memorial Hospital was built. This Hospital was at first used for the treatment of men, women and children, as in-patients as well as a dispensary for out-patients.

Dr. Young not only did what he could for the poor during his lifetime but left a substantial fund in his will for the purpose of carrying on this work.

A large part of the annual income is derived from this Young Bequest. Another gift to the Hospitals was made by Mr. Beilios who made this gift towards the medicine fund.

Several Parsee gentlemen and others have from time to time given certain sums for the purpose of leaving a memorial for themselves for the benefit of the poor.

It is the hope of the Hospital Committee that the generosity of such friends may be more freely copied, as such funds help very materially towards avoiding anxiety in times of special stress.

The Hospitals have been very badly affected by the adverse circumstances of last year, and special efforts are now being made to endeavour to right the financial balance. This work cannot be carried on without adequate funds, and such funds are carefully utilised by the Hospital Committee and staff.

## "RED" VICTORY.

## COLLAPSE OF AN ALLIED BRIGADE.

## CAPTURED EN BLOC.

## ALLIES BEING STRONGLY REINFORCED.

HANKOW, August 23rd.  
(Delayed by Censor.)

Following the collapse of the Wu Pei Fu-ite brigade in the Pingkiang sector, the Southerners pushed home their attack and broke the Allied line, rendering the centre untenable. Hence the Allies withdrew and the "Reds," advancing all along the line, captured Yochow and other cities. The Hupeh Brigade, which covered its retirement, was captured en bloc. This with other prisoners brings the "Red" captures to a formidable number.

HANKOW, August 24th.

The Allies are taking rapid counter-measures to stem the "Red" advance, and reinforcements from all sides are rushing to Hunan, altogether totalling 150,000.

The arrival of Wu Pei Fu in Hankow has restored greater confidence within military circles.

## FAR EASTERN CABLE NEWS.

[THROUGH BRITISH AGENCY.]

## TSINGTAU TAXES.

## TOBACCO ALSO INCLUDED.

TSINGTAU, August 26th.

American firms are not affected by the liquor tax, as they have no such imports. The American Consul, however, has notified the Minister of the action of the Chinese authorities.

The new taxation scheme also applies to tobacco, there being a transit tax through Tsingtau of 95 cents per picul. Consequently, the British American and Nanyang Bros. Tobacco Companies are moving no tobacco from their plantations to Central Shantung.

## HEALTH INSURANCE.

## POSITION OF SOLDIERS ON DISCHARGE.

An Army Order states that a soldier who during his service is a member of the Navy, Army, and Air Force Insurance Fund should, on discharge from the Army, take steps to join an approved society. But if, owing to the state of his health, he cannot obtain admission to an approved society, he may, if he makes application within the prescribed period after his discharge (normally six months), be readmitted to the Navy, Army, and Air Force Fund.

It has also been decided that a soldier already readmitted and a soldier readmitted in future to the Navy, Army, and Air Force Insurance Fund after discharge shall, in addition to the normal benefits, become entitled to receive additional benefits, and that for this purpose he will be treated as if he had been a member of the fund from the date of his enlistment. The additional benefits will be liable to variation according to the financial position of the fund, but initially they will comprise 3s. a week addition to the normal sickness benefit, 1s. 6d. a week addition to the normal disablement benefit, 8s. addition to the normal maternity benefit, dental treatment, and ophthalmic treatment.

It has further been decided that a soldier, who during his service or within the prescribed period after discharge has become or in future becomes a member of an approved society, shall be treated for the purpose of additional benefits as if he had been a member of the approved society from the date of his enlistment.

## THE HON. DR. KOCH.

You've made your "debut," now carry on Doc! Show that you know you're the "Hon'ble" Koch! Fly them with questions, on details insist, Stick to it, persevere, plod and persist. You have rhetoric, when judged by the Press, May your harangues have the same forcefulness When you're inspired in that awed Council Room— "A soul seeking light in the Valley of Gloom." Many a man, when he rises to speak, Finds that his knees have gone suddenly weak, Hands as if palsied, a stuttering tongue, Blushing and rufous, with nerves quite unstrung. But you've the knowledge, the learning of years— Covering contents of all pharmacopoeias, Which will allow, if you need, to prescribe Cures for yourself for a wobbly inside. Stand to it Doctor, although there's no fees, You are the "chosen" of Hongkong's J.P.'s.

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## THE "SANDVIKEN."

ANOTHER STORY OF THE PIRACY

## THE CAPTAIN INTERVIEWED AT SHANGHAI.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

SHANGHAI, August 26th.

The Shanghai Evening News states that a gang of thirty-eight pirates, disguised as passengers, looted the Norwegian steamer *Sandviken* of money, jewellery, and clothes amounting to \$20,000 near Hongkong on August 21st.

The captain, interviewed on his arrival in Shanghai, states that, after leaving Hongkong he suspected that some of the Chinese passengers carried arms, so commenced a search, when the arms were found. He, however, was seized and with his officers as well as the crew, was herded on the deck under cover of guns. The wireless operator was injured though not seriously and the wireless apparatus destroyed with an axe. After looting the ship, the pirates forced the captain to steer to Bias Bay, the notorious pirate refuge near Hongkong, where the pirates went ashore with the loot. The *Sandviken* is one of the best-known coasting steamers plying between Shanghai, Canton and elsewhere on the China Coast.

[A much fuller account of this piracy appeared in yesterday's *Daily Press*.]

## GERMANY AND THE LEAGUE.

NO FEAR OF SERIOUS OPPOSITION.

BERLIN, August 26th.

The Reichstag's Foreign Affairs Committee has received Herr Stresemann's report on the foreign political situation. It is learned that the foreign Minister is on the whole confident that the difficulties of Germany's entrance into the League would eventually be removed. He does not expect any serious opposition by Spain which he considers is fully occupied with the Tangier problem, in which Germany is not interested.

Herr Stresemann pointed out that Lord Cecil's plan was still taken as a basis of negotiations.

The Committee, which approved of the Government's attitude, finally rejected a Communist motion demanding the withdrawal of Germany's application to enter the League.

## A POSSIBLE SOLUTION.

According to *Le Journal* the result of recent conversations between Sir Cecil Hurst, M. Fromageot and Dr. Gaus, the legal experts of the British, French and German Foreign Offices, as a possible solution to the question before the League Council, it is proposed that elections to non-permanent seats will be final and the Assembly will not be entitled to revoke them until the three years' term has expired. It is also suggested that non-permanent members be given a guarantee of re-election, thus practically extending the mandate to six years.

## SPAIN AND TANGIER.

AN OFFICIAL STATEMENT.

MADRID, August 26th.

Spain's attitude towards Tangier is officially stated to be concerned with three aspects—territorial, maritime, and local.

As regards the first, Spain could not complete "the civilising mission of an international character" begun in North Africa while Tangier remains a refuge for rebels and the open door for a band of war. As regards the second, the collective interest of all Powers is to ensure the neutrality of the Straits.

As regards the third, the international regime has been demonstrated as lacking durability.

The statement draws attention to "the natural connection between the Tangier problem and the question of Spain's position at Geneva." It urges the nations concerned to examine the situation.

## TERRIBLE FERRY DISASTER.

ONLY SIX OUT OF 100 PASSENGERS SURVIVE.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

NOAKHALIS, Bengal, August 26th.

A terrible disaster has occurred to a ferry boat on the river Megna. The vessel capsized, broke in half, and out of a hundred Indian passengers, only six, so far, are reported to have survived.

## TURKISH PLOT TRIAL.

DEATH SENTENCES.

CONSTANTINOPLE, August 26th.

The second important trial arising from the alleged plot against the life of Mustafa Kemal, has ended at Ankara, where a number of ex-members of the committee of the Union of Progress were charged with instigating the conspiracy.

The Public Prosecutor read a lengthy document reviewing the Committee's history and ascribing to its moral effect the fatal consequences of Turkey's participation in the Great War. The Prosecutor demanded that four of the accused men be sentenced to death, seven banished and the remainder acquitted.

The ex-Finance Minister Djavid Bey, Nazim Bey, Nail Bey and Hilmi Bey were sentenced to death and will be executed in a week's time.

## SPEEDY WORK.

CONSTANTINOPLE, August 27th.

Four of the death sentences mentioned were executed at midnight in the prison-yard at Ankara. Five other members of the Committee of Union and Progress, including Reuf Bey and Rahmi Bey, were sentenced to perpetual banishment. All the others were acquitted.

## THE GREEK CRISIS.

NEW CABINET.

ATHENS, August 26th.

In accordance with the decision of the party leaders to form a Cabinet of Service, consisting of civilians headed by M. Kondylis, as Head of the National Democratic Party, M. Kondylis has formed a Cabinet with himself as Minister of War and Marine, Professor Petmezas as Minister of the Interior and Justice, M. Argyropoulos (ex-Minister at Athens) as Minister of Foreign Affairs, Professor Triandafopoulos, as Minister of Communications, M. Papas, who is a distinguished surgeon, as Minister of Public Instruction, M. Drosopoulous (co-Governor of the National Bank of Greece) as Minister of Finance, and M. Nakos (who is a lawyer), as Minister of Agriculture.

## MOTOR DISASTER.

FAMOUS BRITISH DRIVER KILLED.

BOULOGNE, August 26th.

The motor car race meeting has opened disastrously. The famous Brooklands rider, Captain Howey, during a hill test failed to take the second bend and his car dashed among the spectators, killed one, broke a gendarme's leg, and cut off the leg of an onlooker. Captain Howey was killed instantly. The injured people were taken to hospital.

## SECURITY PACTS.

LATVIA, ESTHONIA AND THE SOVIET.

Moscow, August 26th.

The Foreign Commissariat has published a Memorandum to the effect that the Latvian and Esthonian Government have declared their willingness to negotiate directly with the Soviet for a Security Pact. The Soviet Government has instructed its representatives at Riga and Revel to start negotiations immediately.

## COAL DISPUTE.

THE RESUMPTION OF NEGOTIATIONS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, August 26th.

The coal negotiations have resumed, this afternoon meeting Mr. Churchill, Sir Arthur Steel Maitland and Col. Lane Fox at No. 10, Downing Street.

A delegation of fourteen, comprising two members of the Miners' Federation, Mrs. A. J. Cook, several District Agents and miners wives, are going to Russia to-morrow on the invitation of Russian miners, who will cover the expenses of the visit, which is expected to last one month.

## SECRECY.

The utmost secrecy is being maintained regarding the coal discussions which took place at Downing Street and which lasted for ninety minutes, but it appears that no immediate good results are likely and no further meeting was arranged.

A full report of the meeting was prepared most quickly and sent by special Courier to Mr. Baldwin, at Aix-les-Bains.

A miners' delegation is visiting Russia for the purposes of collecting funds.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

## OFFICIAL ACCOUNT.

RUGBY, August 26th.

The meeting between the miners' officials and the Government, arranged at the request of the Secretary of the Miners' Federation, with a view to discussing the coal situation and reviewing the prospects of settling the dispute by negotiation, lasted for over hour and half. At the close, a statement was issued as follows:—"A meeting took place at Downing Street to-day between the Chancellor of the Exchequer, the Minister of Labour and the Secretary of Mines, on behalf of the Government, and four officials representing the Miners' Federation. The full position was reviewed, and a verbatim report will be issued to the Press to-morrow."

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

## GUN-RUNNING.

AEROPLANE BOMBS STEAMER.

## AN EXCITING FIGHT.

NEW YORK, August 26th.

A battle between a Government bombing aeroplane and a gun-running vessel endeavouring to land arms for the revolutionary forces is described from Manguna.

Two former American aviators, now employed in the Nicaraguan Constabulary, located the vessel off Corinto and, dropping to a low altitude, discharged a shower of bombs. The vessel went out to sea, the crew machine-gunning the aeroplane which pursued the vessel till the bombs ran out. The same night the aeroplane replenished and returned and dropped more bombs, but darkness ended the fight.

## RIVER BOATS SUNK.

HURRICANE AT NEW ORLEANS.

NEW ORLEANS, August 26th.

In a hurricane which blew here last night, several river boats were sunk.

Four fatalities have occurred in the storm in Louisiana, and damage of over a million dollars, mostly to rice, sugar cane, cotton and corn crops, while houses have been swept away, roofs blown off and telegraph and telephone poles splintered.

## MINERS ENTOMBED.

U.S. DISASTER.

New York, August 26th.

A message from Johns Town, Pennsylvania, states that forty miners are entombed at Olymer. Two bodies have been recovered.

## THE "HINDENBURG" RE-FLOODED.

GALE IN SCAPA FLOW.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, August 26th.

As the result of a severe gale which swept over the Orkneys, the ex-German battle-cruiser *Hindenburg*, which is being raised in Scapa Flow, has been re-flooded.

An ex-German destroyer, which is being used as a breakwater for the *Hindenburg*, damaged the floating dock which is now under repair. One of the large patches on the *Hindenburg* also gave way and some smaller patches also require attention before further progress with the pumping can be resumed.

The *Times* says that proper salvage operations will not be re-started until next week.

## BRITISH INFANT MORTALITY STATISTICS.

BIG IMPROVEMENT.

RUGBY, August 26th.

The annual report of the Ministry of Health records that the rate of infant mortality per 1,000 births last year was 75, which is the same as the figure for 1924.

Commenting upon the big improvement which has taken place during the last thirty years, the report states that the effect of this improvement can perhaps best be seen by applying the mortality rates of thirty years ago to the figures for the past year. In 1925, the actual number of deaths of infants under one year of age was 53,000 whereas if the average infant mortality rate of 1891-1900 had been maintained the number would have been 103,780.

## COBHAM'S FLIGHT.

PLANS FOR RETURN JOURNEY.

RUGBY, August 26th.

On his return flight from Melbourne to London, Mr. Alan Cobham will discard the land under-carriage of his aeroplane at Port Darwin, which he expects to reach on September 2nd. He will have the advantage of low tides there, to refloat for re-converting the machine into a seaplane. From Port Darwin homewards, as on the outward journey, he will alight on water at each stopping place.

## MIRACULOUS ESCAPE.

ELECTRIC TRAIN SAFETY SERVICE FAILS.

LONDON, August 26th.

A dramatic midnight accident occurred just outside Newcastle Central Station. An electric train was returning from the coast laden with trippers and, after it had been out of control and unmanned for a couple of miles the train dashed through Manors North Station, where it should have stopped, at 40 miles an hour, and collided with a glancing blow with a goods train which had begun to cross in front on the electrified line.

The driver's section was practically telescoped. The wonder is that the train did not topple over the viaduct on to the street 85 feet below.

## SEARCH FOR DRIVER.

A diligent search was made for the driver, who, it was thought, had shot on to the roofs of the houses below, but the body eventually was found near a railway bridge two miles away.

The circumstances suggest that he was leaning out of the window, when his head came into contact with the bridge and he was instantly killed.

The safety device in the driving mechanism, consisting of a knob which drivers have to keep depressed in order to keep the train in motion, failed to function.

The passengers were shaken but only five required temporary admission into the infirmary.

## THE CADDIE WHO KNEW.

LANGUAGE WHEN A GOLFER MISSES!

When a former caddie, aged 16, was fined 10s. at Kendal for using obscene language while playing golf on a public ground adjoining Kendal golf links, he said to the bench:

"Golfers should get an example. You should hear them when they miss a ball. You would know if you had been a caddie, but there is nothing said about that."

The Chief Constable said no doubt golfers could use to the occasion when required, but when, as in this case, obscene language was shouted about the place on a Sunday afternoon it was very unpleasant for men who were in the company of ladies on the golf links and on the public ground where the defendant was playing.

The bench joined in the merriment of the crowded court.

## Two Questions.

1.—Do you Want \$200?

2.—Can you Select the Hongkong Interport Cricket team?

IN VIEW OF THE MANY DISCUSSIONS AND ARGUMENTS WHICH INVARIABLY CENTRE ROUND THE SELECTION OF AN INTERPORT ELEVEN WE HAVE DECIDED TO HOLD A NOVEL COMPETITION. WE ASK OUR READERS TO CHOOSE THE PLAYERS WHO THEY THINK WILL REPRESENT HONGKONG IN THE MATCH AGAINST SHANGHAI ON NOVEMBER 11TH (or on whatever date the game may be played).

Most people will be able to make a fairly close approximation to the team by the first week in November. We, therefore, propose to put a premium upon our readers' judgment and foresight by dividing the Competition into three parts.

That is to say, the first lists of selections—we will call them SERIES A—must reach the *Hongkong Daily Press* on or before September 15th.

The second lists—SERIES B—on or before October 7th.

The final lists—SERIES C—on or before November 1st.

(Readers should note that it is 'up to them' to get their lists to The *Hongkong Daily Press* Office, and no claims for postal or other delay will be considered by the Editor.)

To avoid the risk of judgment being swamped by numerical profusion each competitor is limited to 20 lists in each series—50 lists in all.

Selection becomes easier as time goes on and, therefore

For each correct name submitted on each list in Series A, two points will be credited to the competitor.

For each correct name in Series B, 1½ points.

For each correct name in Series C, one point.

Thus while the competitor who starts early has the best chance, the one who starts later is by no means out of the running if he is skilful in selection and assiduous in collecting his twenty coupons.

## SYSTEM OF SCORING.

To illustrate the system of scoring, to obtain full points a competitor would have to choose the correct team from the start and give this correct team in the full twenty lists of each series.

SERIES A:	20	X	22	=	440	points
SERIES B:	20	X	16½	=	330	"
SERIES C:	20	X	11	=	220	"
Total Possible...						990

## PROBABILITIES.

The Judge is a gentleman who has been associated with Hongkong Cricket for many years. He informs us that he expects the winning total will be between three and four hundred, and points out that, while ties would involve dividing the prizes, as ½ a mark would make the difference, a tie under the system of scoring devised is very unlikely.

## Prizes.

First Prize	\$200
Second Prize	50
Third Prize	25

In the very unlikely event of a tie these prizes will be divided.

## Rules.

Lists must strictly conform to the following rules:

Each must have a special coupon attached and be signed with a *non-de-plume*. Initials of the selected players must be given. Where more than one player may bear the same name, full and correct initials only will score points.

The competitor's name must not be written on the selected list, but must be sent separately in the same envelope with that list. Envelopes should be marked "Cricket Competition." The names and addresses will be retained by the Editor. The lists only will be handed to the Judge.

The Judge, therefore, will be aware of the *non-de-plume* only of each of the competitors. (More obvious ones "Wicket," "Willow," "Stumped," etc., should be avoided to save duplication. Moreover, it is hereby notified that any one using the name R. Abbit will be promptly disqualified. It is already dedicated.)

## Coupons.

Coupons, of which we print a sample below, will be published on the following dates only—

In each issue between September 1st and 14th for Series A.  
September 22nd and October 8th for Series B.  
October 15th and 30th for Series C.

Lists need not contain the full eleven names, but any list containing more than eleven will be destroyed and no credit will be given for it.

The eleven names upon which the marking will be given are those of the eleven gentlemen who actually play in the match. The Judge, the Official Selection Committee, and any one on the staff of the *Hongkong Daily Press* are excluded from the Competition. In any case of doubt or argument the Editor's decision is final.

## Sample Coupon

HONGKONG DAILY PRESS  
Cricket Competition

Series \_\_\_\_\_

As will be seen from the particulars given, the competition will open on September 1st. When a list is completed all that remains to be done is to attach a coupon to it and send it in. The coupons for Series A will, as stated, appear in each issue of the *Daily Press* from September 1st to 14th. Twenty lists is the maximum that will be considered in any one series. While coupons may be taken from the paper of any date it would be advisable not to leave the collection of coupons until the last day. It might be found impossible to secure the full number required.

(There will be no need to re-write a list if it is desired to stand or fall by the names originally chosen. One list, accompanied by twenty coupons will be judged as twenty lists, and points given accordingly.)

Any readers to whom the rules are not clear are invited to write and ask for an explanation on any doubtful point.





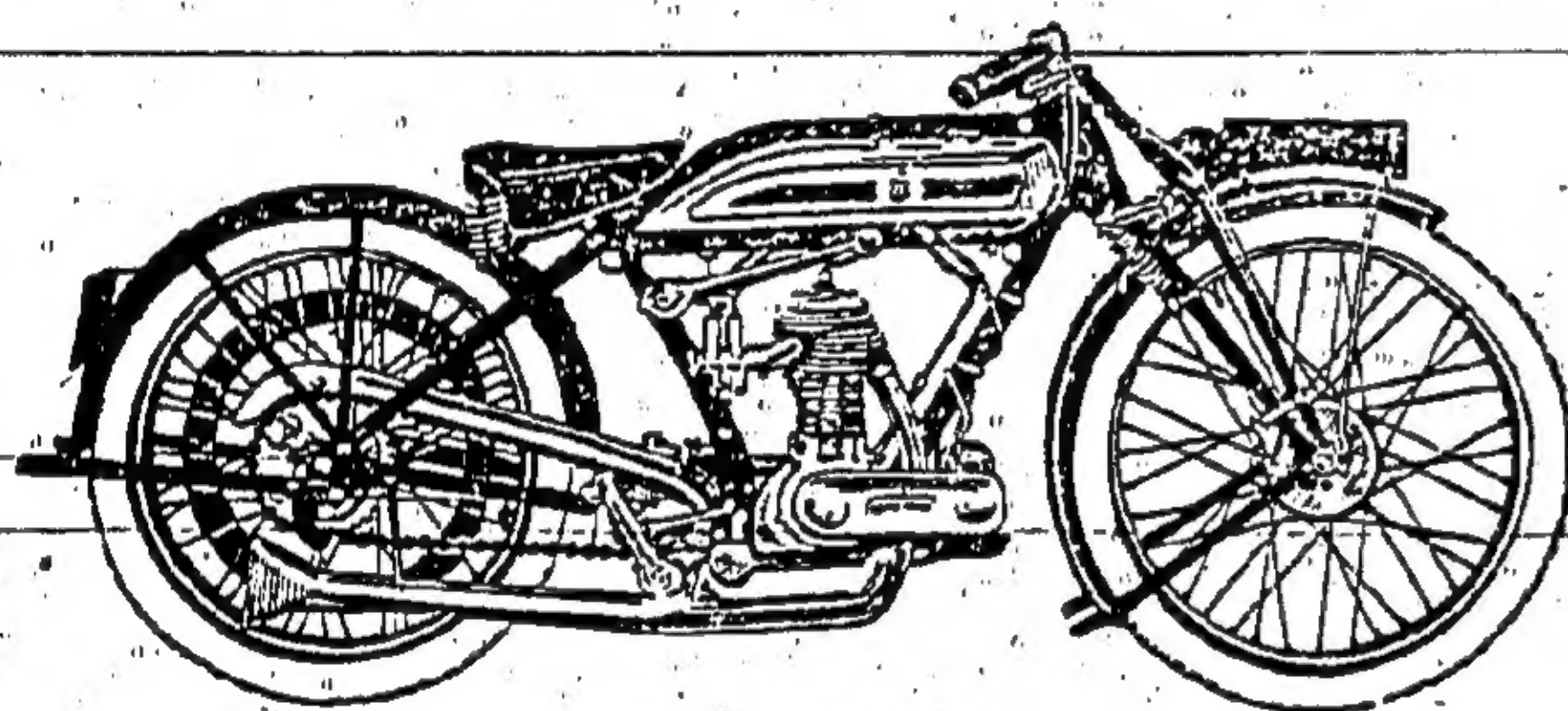
When you're thinking things 'ain't what they was:  
—What a rotten time everyone has,  
All the work that one loathes  
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## HONGKONG RUGBY.

### MEETING OF THE NEW CLUB.

PROSPECTS OF WEEKLY MATCHES  
"AT KING'S PARK."

### OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE ELECTED.

The second meeting of the newly formed Hongkong Rugby Football Club (which was conducted last year as the Rugby Section of the Hongkong Football Club) was held in the Board Room of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., last evening, Mr. G. G. N. Timson presiding over a very good attendance of members. The election of officers was the principal business of the meeting. A general feeling of optimism prevailed, pointing to the Club being a success and to the prospect of arranging a rugby match for every Saturday at the new ground at King's Park, especially in view of the fact that the King's Own Scottish Borderers, who possess a strong rugby team, are shortly due in Hongkong.

The season will commence in October, and during the preceding weeks playing members are expected to get into training in order to be fit for the opening match.

### AN EXPLANATION.

The Chairman explained that this was the second meeting of the new Club. The rules governing it were roughly the same as those of the Hongkong Football Club. The officers of the Club would be a President, Vice-Presidents, Chairman, Captain, Hon. Secretary and Hon. Treasurer. The President and Vice-Presidents would be co-opted by the Committee and would not be subject to retirement at the annual meeting of the Club in each year.

The management of the affairs of the Club would be vested in a General Committee consisting of the officers and such other members, not exceeding five, to be elected annually. The Committee, continued the Chairman, would have power to co-opt one member from the Naval and Military forces. The provisional committee thought that this would add to the chances of getting weekly games at King's Park and would also add to the interests in rugby and would make for cohesion. The military and naval authorities would be requested to nominate one member from each of the services.

### GOOD PROSPECTS.

The Chairman added that they had a guarantee that the ground at King's Park would be available for use every week, and with the King's Own Scottish Borderers, who possessed a fine "rugger" team, coming shortly to Hongkong, there was every prospect of some excellent matches.

The Colonial Secretary and Mr. E. R. Hallifax, concluded the Chairman, had already promised to become Vice-Presidents, and there were a number of other gentlemen who were willing to act in similar capacity, and only required being asked for their formal consent.

### OFFICERS ELECTED.

The election of officers took place as under: Chairman, Mr. G. G. N. Timson; Captain, Mr. R. Miller; Hon. Secretary, Mr. L. Smith; Hon. Treasurer, Mr. A. C. F. Bowker. General Committee: Messrs. R. W. Lee, J. A. D. Morrison, H. R. Forsyth, T. L. Foster and G. P. Lammer.

### KEEPING THE FLAG FLYING.

The Chairman explained that the originators of the Club had in no way intended that it should break away from the old Hongkong Football Club. It was hoped that members of the old Club, who joined the new Club, would still retain their membership with the H.K.F.C. Because they spent \$5 entrance fee to join the Rugby Club, it was hoped that they would still pay their \$5 to the old Club.

### A "POISONOUS" GROUND.

The Happy Valley ground, continued the speaker, was of no use for "rugger," unless they were going to play in the summer, and then it was very often flooded out. The ground in the "rugger" season was absolutely "poisonous." If they were going to keep the "Rugger" flag flying in the Colony, they could not do it on the Happy Valley ground, otherwise members were likely to be hurt in combat for three weeks or so, after they had played. They had already played on the new ground at King's Park, and hoped to keep it. The ground appeared to be a very favourable one for "rugger," and there was every prospect of obtaining regular Saturday matches, especially with the Borderers coming soon. If they had continued on the old ground at the Valley it would have meant extreme difficulty in fixing games for both clubs (the Football Club and Rugby Club).

This concluded the meeting.

### WATER POLO.

Yesterday's matches resulted as follows:—K.B. School, 1 (Simpson). Royal Navy, 0. H.K. Electric Co., 1 (Foster). K.B. School "B", 0.

## LAWN BOWLS.

### TO-DAY'S FIXTURES.

Only two games are down for decision in the Second Division of the Lawn Bowls League this afternoon. These are as under:—

Craigengower C.C. v. Kowloon C.C.  
R.H.K.Y.C. v. Tai Koo R.C.

### INTERPORT TRIAL.

On the Kowloon Cricket Club's green this afternoon the second trial game will be played in connection with the approaching bowls interport at Shanghai. The following will play:—U. M. Onir, R. A. Smith, A. M. Holland, Jas. T. Dobbie, P. T. Farrell, G. Morrison, W. Wortherspoon and R. Lapsley. Play will start at 3.30 sharp.

At the conclusion of this trial game the Section Committee will meet to choose the team to go to Shanghai. Mr. D. Gow has already been appointed manager, so there are five more to be picked.

The following are almost certain to go:—Omar No. 1, Holland No. 2, Lapsley No. 3, and Wortherspoon as Skip, with Farrell as fifth player.

### DEPARTMENTAL BOWLS.

To-morrow afternoon the semi-final in the Inter-Departmental Bowls Competition will be played, the Prison Department meeting the Education Department. The game will be played on the Police Recreation Club green, and will start at 4 p.m. The winners of the game meet the Sanitary Department in the final on Sunday, September 5th.

## LOCAL BASEBALL.

### THE WEEK-END FIXTURES.

The week-end programme in connection with the Hongkong Baseball League includes, as usual, three fixtures.

To-day:—2.30 p.m., Filipinos v. H.K.V.D.C.; 3.40 p.m., Japanes v. South China.  
To-morrow:—4 p.m., Club de Recreo v. Hongkong Baseball Club.

### LEAGUE TABLE.

The League table now stands as:—

W.	L.	Pct.
South China	10	1 .909
Japanese	8	2 .80
Club de Recreo	4	5 .444
Filipinos	4	7 .363
H.K. Baseball Club	3	8 .272
Defence Corps	2	8 .200

### EXHIBITION MATCH.

The "All Hongkong" team meet U.S.S. *Helena* at 2.30 p.m. to-morrow.

## FANLING HUNT.

### HUNTING TO HAVE LATE START.

A meeting of subscribers to the Fanling Hunt has been called for September 3rd, at the Jockey Club Rooms in the Hongkong Club Annex; and it is hoped that all subscribers and any others wishing to become subscribers for the coming season will attend if possible or send in their names to Mr. H. Birkett.

Owing to the lateness of the paddi crop it will be impossible to start regular hunting until November 1st. It is hoped, however, to have hounds out during October on dates which will be announced later. Three and a half couple of hounds have already arrived from home and 2 couple more are due in a few days. A further 6 couple have been wired for and it is hoped will be shipped in October. It is proposed to hold the first Steeplechase meeting on the Kwantung course at the end of October.

## LAWN TENNIS.

THE DAVIS CUP COMPETITION.  
JAPANESE DEFEATS LACOSTE.

### [REUTERS' AMERICAN SERVICE.]

New York, August 26th. The inter-Zone final of the Davis Cup Competition between France and Japan commenced at Forest Hills, New York, to-day, Jean Cochet (France) defeating Tawara (Japan) by three sets to two, 1-6, 4-6, 7-5, 6-3, 6-2.

Tawara won the first two sets easily, keeping Cochet running with low-bounding shots. Cochet steadied up by adopting the same tactics, later going up to

the net and winning comfortably by means of most effective volleying and brilliant placing.  
Harada (Japan) beat Lacoste (France), 6-4, 4-6, 6-3, 9-7.

LATER.  
Harada, with battering forehand drives, was irresistible. Lacoste was unable, with the exception of the second set, to meet the hurricane attack. The Frenchman, in the fourth set, made a sensational but abortive effort and took five games consecutively.  
The winner of the inter-Zone Final will meet America in the challenge round.

## HOME CRICKET.

### AUSTRALIA'S REPLY.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

(Kent v. Australians. Overnight score:—Kent: 321, Woolley 84, Bryan 61, Hardinge 52).

LONDON, August 26th. It rained at Canterbury during the night, but this morning the wicket was good, and fine weather attracted fifteen thousand spectators.

The Australians were all out for 386, play closing before Kent could go in again. The lead of 63 was secured through the efforts of J. S. Ryder, who made 109, H. L. Collins, who hit 86, and T. J. E. Andrews who contributed 71.

"Tich" Freeman took six Australian wickets at a cost of 133 runs.

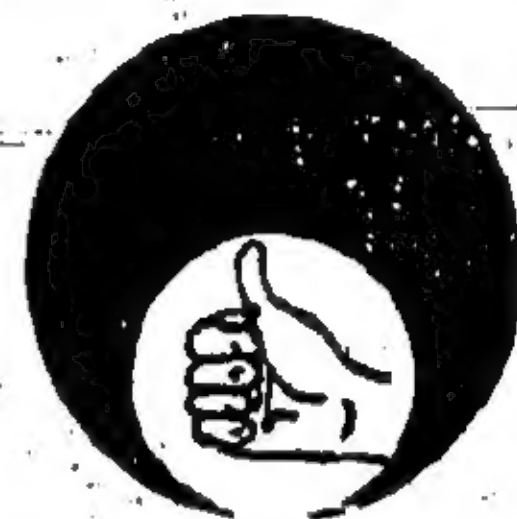
### LANCASHIRE v. NORTHANTS.

LONDON, August 27th. Played at Blackpool. Lancashire won by ten wickets. Lancs. with 411 for 7 declared. Makepeace and Iddon made 83 and 50, respectively. E. Tyldesley 127 and 23 not out. Northants compiled 296 in first innings. Jupp made 53. Sibbles had 3 and 38. Second innings, Northants made 231. Walden 67. Macdonald 7 and 113.

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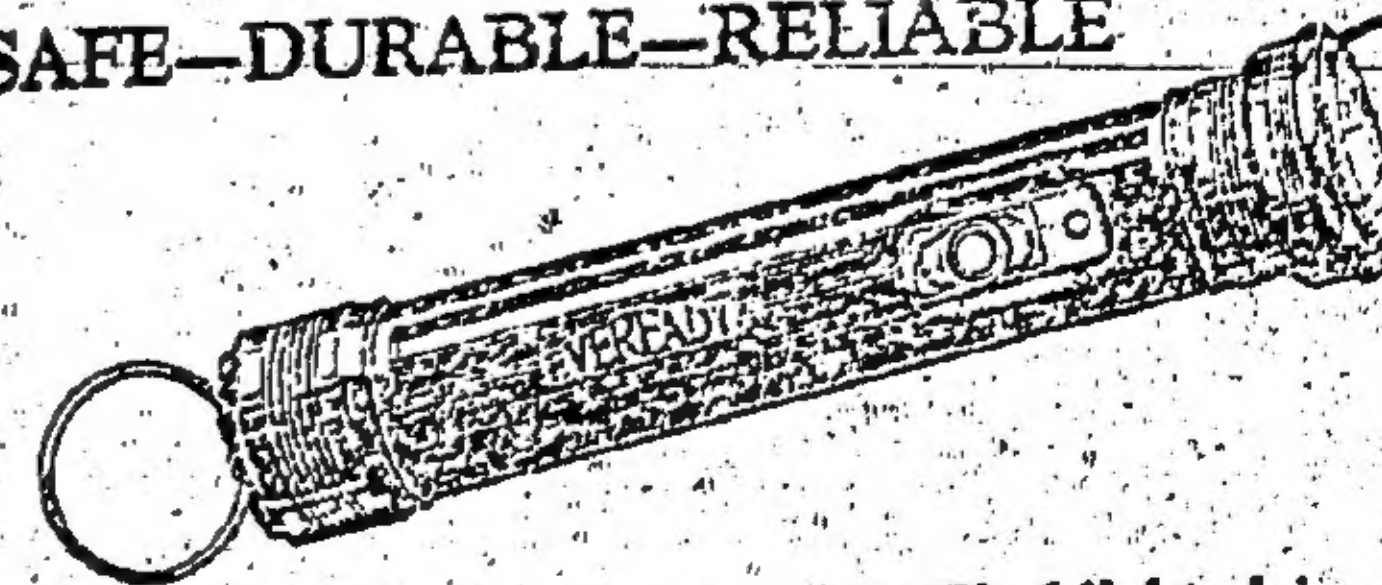
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## SHIPPING NEWS.

## ARRIVALS.

August 28th.  
Sui Yik, Chinese str., 175 tons, Capt. Lo Shui, from Sha U Chung, with cattle lying at Luen Cheong wharf.  
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August 27th.  
Deception, British str., 4,212 tons, Capt. J. Findley, from Shanghai and Kailung. The latter port she left on August 25th, with a general cargo, lying at Wharf No. 44—D. & S.  
President Cleveland, American str., 14,123 tons, Capt. George M. Harlow, from Manila, which port she left on August 24th, with a general cargo, lying at Kowloon Wharf—Dollar S.S. Line.

Tak Hing, Chinese str., 103 tons, Capt. Lo Shan, from Nantua, with a cargo of vegetables, lying at Luen Cheong Wharf—Fook Hoi Co.

## CLEARANCES.

August 27th.  
Deception, for Manila.  
Haigang, for Amoy.  
Lee Sang, for Kowloon.  
Samarang Maru, for Moji.  
Shantung, for Shanghai.  
Sui Yik, for Shanghai.  
Sui Yik, for Sha U Chung.  
Tak Hing, for Haichoi.  
Tanda, for Manila.  
Tenn, for Huihow.  
Teli, for Amoy.  
Tilawa, for Amoy.  
Tone Maru, for Hongay.

## PASSENGERS.

ARRIVALS.  
Per Dollar liner President Cleveland, from Manila, on August 27th: Miss A. L. Hillborne, Mr. and Mrs. G. E. L. L. Hillborne, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Payne, Mrs. E. A. Payne, Miss Emma E. Master, E. W. Payne, Miss Emma E. Master, among passengers passing through Smith. Among passengers passing through Hongkong: Mr. Augustin, Mrs. A. C. Cresser, Sister M. Converse, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Davis, Miss D. G. Davis, Mrs. F. M. Davis, Miss D. V. Elser, Mr. L. M. Jordan, Mr. C. H. Kearney, Mrs. M. C. Kearney, Master C. C. Kearney, Mr. H. Longfellow, Miss L. L. Moffatt, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Moore, and Master Moore, Mr. M. G. Miller, Mr. J. B. McMillan, Mr. E. R. Rowe, Mrs. E. S. Rowe, Mrs. E. C. Tait, and Mr. A. E. Wyman.

DEPARTURES.  
Per s.s. Tanda, for Australia via Manila, on August 27th: Mr. R. S. Moore, Mr. J. W. Darby and child, Mrs. W. Austin, Mr. J. H. Simpson, Mr. C. Monaghan, Mr. R. Adams, Mr. M. D. Pascoe, Miss A. Erni, Mr. L. H. Skelton, Mr. M. C. Muta, Miss K. Connel, Mr. R. T. Matheson and Mr. and Mrs. M. T. Metzger.

## SHIPPING NOTES.

A slight mishap occurred to the s.s. Kishan, one of the steamers employed on the daily run between Hongkong and Macao, when returning to Hongkong from Macao on Thursday. It appears that the lost one of her propeller blades, but this being not very serious she was able to make Hongkong all right. On arrival here she went to Taikoo Dock to have the necessary repairs effected, and subsequently to her place at the Wing Lok Street wharf again, sailing for Macao in the afternoon. It is thought that the propeller may have snapped off by reason of silting in the vicinity of the Harbour works at Macao.

The total number of deck passengers entered for the twenty-four hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday was 914, of which the s.s. Tilawa carried 508 from Calcutta and Singapore.

Dangerous goods manifested yesterday were 1 case of rifles, and 1 crate-box of ammunition by the Tilawa from Calcutta and Singapore, and 177 cases of fire-crackers by the Hop Sang from Tsing-tao and Poochow.

Quarantine restrictions imposed against arrivals from Saigon on account of cholera have been withdrawn.

The Canadian Pacific shipping company have arranged a scheme in connection with their round-the-world tours whereby tourists will always be in the sun, escaping the winter of Europe, etc. On November 13th the R.M.S. Empress of Scotland, flagship of the C.P.S., will start on her cruise round the world, keeping in the sun all the while. Visits will be paid to twenty-two countries, including Madeira, Morocco, Italy, the Riviera, Egypt, the Holy Land, India, Ceylon, China, Japan, Batavia, Sumatra, Honolulu, the Philippines, San Francisco, the Panama Canal, the West Indies, Havana, Quebec, and New York. Christmas will be spent in the Holy Land, and New Year's Eve in Cairo. The tour, which will be under the management of the Canadian Pacific throughout, will be accomplished without change of steamship.

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## HONGKONG SHIPPING.

## INCREASE IN HONGKONG CARGO.

## LOW FREIGHTS FOR OTHER PORTS.

The shipping statement for yesterday showed a drop in the tonnage figures, there being two fewer vessels arriving. Hongkong cargo showed an increase of 9,000 tons odd, but freights for ports beyond had dropped considerably, namely by about 21,000 tons, only three steamers carrying any. The total tonnage entered was 29,504 tons, of which British vessels accounted for 11,119 tons and vessels of other nationalities for 15,685 tons.

## NATIONALITIES.

At 9 a.m. yesterday there were 30 vessels in the harbour, of which 21 were British. During the previous 24 hours ten vessels arrived, viz.: four British, one American, one Portuguese, two Japanese and two Chinese. The departures during the same period came to twelve, viz.: one British and one Japanese for Singapore, two Chinese for Kwang Chow, one British for Jesselton, one Dutch for Batavia, one Chinese for Haichoi, one Dutch for Muntok, one British for Sandakan, one Japanese for Moji, one Chinese for Sha U Chung and one British for Kobe.

## CARGO ENTERED.

(For the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday).

For Hongkong ..... 9,404 tons.  
For ports beyond ..... 5,506 ..  
Total ..... 13,910

(For the previous 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. on Thursday).

For Hongkong ..... 3,063 tons.  
For ports beyond ..... 32,715 ..  
Total ..... 35,778

Of the cargo for Hongkong, four British vessels brought 7,621 tons, the remaining 1,783 tons being in four vessels under other flags. The best entries were 2,400 tons, 1,577 tons, and 1,442 tons in British vessels, and 1,000 tons in a steamer of other nationality. With regard to freight for ports beyond, one British steamer entered 4,454 tons and a Japanese steamer 3,672 tons, the other 1,440 tons being in an American vessel.

## THE ARRIVALS.

The arrivals for the twenty-four hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday were as under:

Tilawa (British) from Calcutta and Singapore with 1,577 tons of general cargo and 3,434 tons for ports beyond.

Mei Nany (British) from Sandakan with 3,500 tons of timber and general cargo.

Kungchow (British) from Bangkok with 1,412 tons of general cargo.

Hop Sang (British) from Tsingtao and Poochow with 502 tons of general cargo.

President Cleveland (American) from Manila with 88 tons of general cargo, and 1,440 tons for ports beyond.

Tai Tak (Portuguese) from Amoy with a nil entry.

Malacca Maru (Japanese) from Calcutta and Singapore with 510 tons of gunnies, barley, sugar candy, cottons, etc., and 3,672 tons of pig iron, gunnies, cotton, etc., for ports beyond.

Hop Sang Maru (Japanese) from Keelung and Swatow with 1,000 tons of general merchandise.

Wing Lok (Chinese) from Kwang Chow with 150 tons of general cargo.

Tak Hing (Chinese) from Nam Tau with one picul of vegetable.

## LATER ARRIVALS.

Later arrivals yesterday, too late for inclusion in the above returns, were:

Deception (British) from Shanghai and Keelung with a nil entry for Hongkong, but 396 tons for ports beyond.

Tjilbert (Dutch) from Batavia and Balikpapan with 98 tons of sugar, tapioca, flour, rattan, coffee, etc., including 54 tons of transhipped cargo, and 7,007 tons of similar cargo for ports beyond.

## SHIPPING MOVEMENTS.

The R.M.S. Empress of Canada, which arrived at Manila yesterday at 6.30 a.m., leaves that port at 4 p.m. to-day, and is due at Hongkong on Monday at 7 a.m.

## VESSELS EXPECTED.

Empress of Canada (C.P.R.), due August 30th.  
Empress of Russia (C.P.R.), due Sept. 6th.  
Jeypore (P. & O.), due to-morrow, about 4 p.m.  
Nellure (P. & O.), due to-morrow, about noon.

The death at Copenhagen is recorded last month of Captain M. S. Harloe, who was taken sick while in command of the Moore McCormick vessel. Captain Harloe was in Yokohama and Kobe for several years in charge of the U.S. Shipping Board interests, and the report of his death will be a matter for keen regret among the very large circle of friends in the Orient.

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EMPRESS OF CANADA	Oct. 29	Oct. 31	Nov. 3	Nov. 6	Nov. 15
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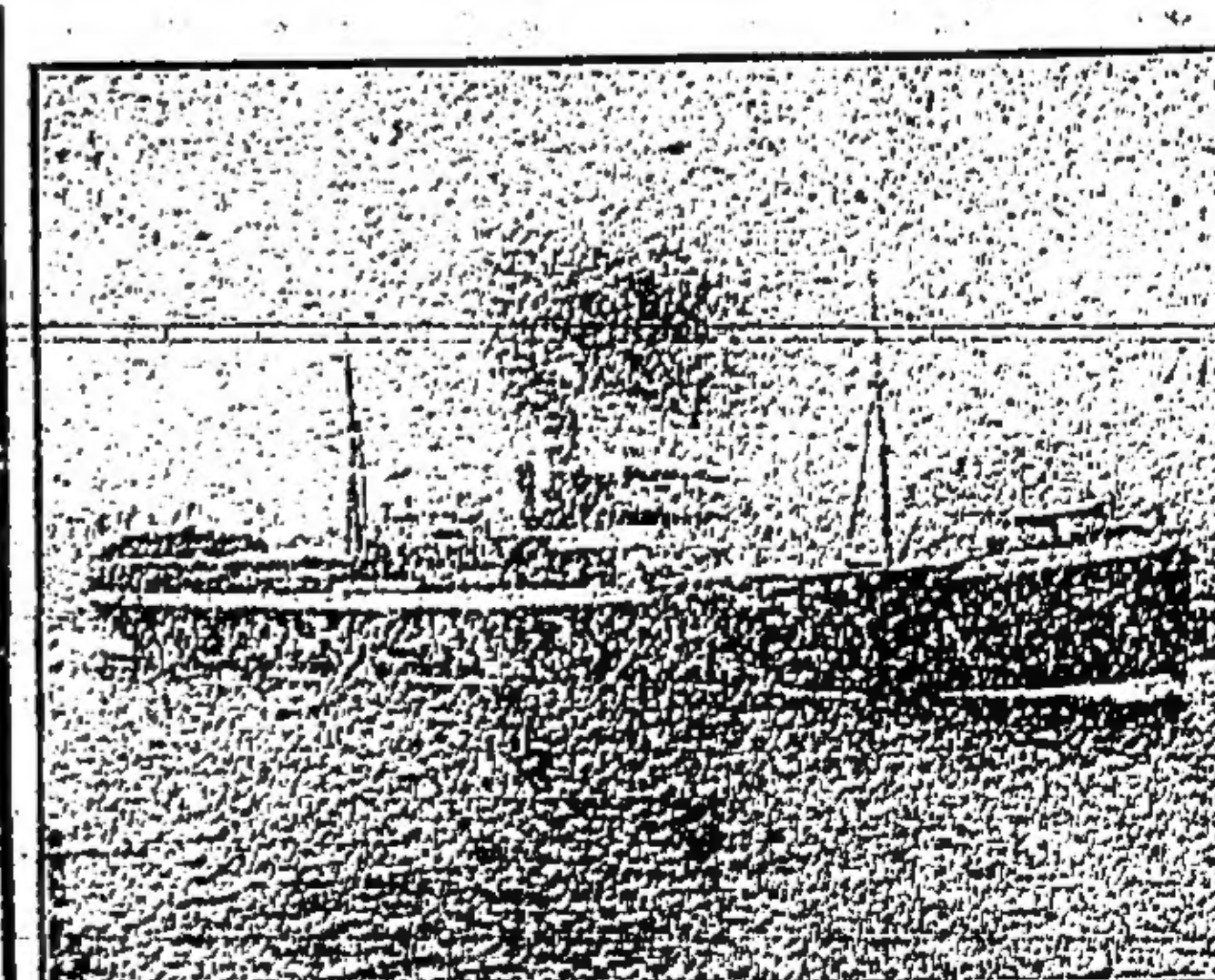
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